



Believe ~ Learn ~ Grow

Beech Class - Summer Term 2

June 2025

Dear Beech Class Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after what was hopefully a delightful half term break. Firstly, it was lovely to see so many of you during our open morning at the end of last term. I hope you enjoyed reading the children's stories and celebrating their learning successes. This final summer term promises to be an incredibly busy one with lots of exciting things happening, including transition morning to their classes for 2025/26, Arts week and Sports Day. I cannot believe we are nearly at the end of the academic year already!

Topic:

Our topic this term will focus around our work as historians. As historians, we will be learning about the kingdom of Benin, starting in AD900. Children will be gaining an understanding of what life was like in the kingdom of Benin before AD1300, recognising the role of the king, and comparing life in the kingdom of Benin to Britain for children.

Every Wednesday afternoon, Beech class will return to their original year groups for Science. Year 4 will be taught by Mrs dos Santos and will be learning about sound. Year 5 will be taught by myself (Mrs Richmond) and we will be learning about space.

Home Learning:

Children in Beech class are encouraged to read regularly for pleasure, either with suitable range of fiction from home, or from a levelled reading book from our reading scheme - Big Cat. Children will have a Big Cat book each week to read to improve reading fluency as well as a 'reading for pleasure' book of their choice. If your child's book needs changing, please encourage them to do this when they arrive at school in the morning. Children will have also brought home a reading record. Please encourage your child to write in it each day they have read and sign it when you have either seen or heard them read. Please send your child into school each day with their reading record and levelled reading book as Mrs Richmond, Mrs Butler and Mrs Darragh will be trying to read with individuals on a regular basis. Whole Class Reading sessions take place daily, focusing on developing a range of reading skills, including retrieval, inference and explanations skills to encouraging progress.

The spelling home learning will continue to go home on a Monday, with support given in school to help learn these. Spellings will continue to be a big focus in Beech Class. We will be continuing to investigate spelling rules and patterns throughout the week, as well as any common spelling errors made by children in class. Children will be given either Year 4 or Year 5 spellings for the week. Children will generally be given around 10 spellings but occasionally may have less. Please use the look, say, cover, write and check format to practise the words at home, as well as the techniques like 'silly sentences', 'pyramid writing' and other strategies which will be explained to your children. Spellings will be taught during the week, followed by a test on Friday.

Pick 'n' Mix home learning will also be starting this week. On this grid, there is a range of home learning activities as well as activities linked to our value of Friendship and Vision of Believe, Learn, Grow. Children will be awarded points for each piece of home learning they complete, with the points being tallied up by the end of the term and prizes awarded accordingly. The grid also has additional home learning to show the *Reading*, *Spelling* and *Time Tables* home learning which are compulsory. Mrs Richmond will continue to celebrate Pick 'n' Mix every Thursday afternoon. The children have already had the opportunity to share some ideas for this final terms Pick 'n' Mix, so I look forward to seeing these ideas come to life. During this time, children will also be given the chance to celebrate their own successes in class by selecting a piece of work to upload to Seesaw to share with people at home. If you need another Seesaw code sent home, please contact the school office.

PE:

PE will be taught on Thursdays this term. Children are allowed to wear their PE kits in school for the entire day on this day. If your child is wearing earrings (studs, no hoops), these will either need to be removed for PE or medical tape can be kept in their school bags for your child to cover them up. Please note, children will be responsible for either removing or covering up their own earrings.

Value:

This term's value is Truthfulness.

Thank you in advance for your support, and I look forward to an exciting final term in Beech Class.

Mrs Richmond