

Beech Class Newsletter

November 2017

Welcome Back!

We have had a wonderful start to the year. The children have settled in beautifully and are aware of the routines and expectations in school. They have developed positive friendships and have become familiar with the classroom, both indoors and outdoors. Last half term we found out lots of exciting new facts about the world around us and different animals, birds and insects! We ended our first half terms learning with a fantastic Ugly Bug Parade. This half term we have cafes, our class assembly and lots of festivals to celebrate! Don't forget to add things you get up to at home to Tapestry – we love sharing all the exciting things that happen outside school!

Our school topic for this half term is: Celebrate
Our enquiry question is: Do I celebrate in the same way as you?

English

A magic lamp has appeared in our classroom! Where has it come from? Who does it belong to? What will they wish for? We shall find out! Reception children will be applying all the sounds they have learnt so far and have lots of opportunities to write through their play. Year 1 children will continue to develop their sentence writing skills

English in Sycamore Class

We will be using adjectives to describe characters from Aladdin. We will also be writing three wishes. We will study the poem The Magic Box by Kit Wright.

Maths

In maths we will be learning about counting, ordering and problem solving through practical activities. Year 1 children will be learning about adding and subtracting and Reception children will be problem solving in their play and through adult led activities.

Maths in Sycamore Class

We will continue to secure our knowledge of counting forwards and backwards and of place value.

We will also begin to work on addition and subtraction and using fluency, problem solving and reasoning to embed our knowledge.

Learning Across the Curriculum

Bonfire Night, Hanukkah, Christmas and New Years are all being celebrated over the next few months. As the nights draw in and a number of festivals are celebrated we will be exploring how special occasions are celebrated across our class and around the world. We will also be learning about the history of Guy Fawkes and using technology and a range of materials to create our own firework display. We also have an exciting visit from Jaya Dance where we will have a go at Bangra and Bollywood style dancing! Look out for photos on Tapestry!

Reminders

We will have a library visit once a week.

Your child can choose/change a library book.

Forest Schools is on Monday afternoon – we go out in almost all weathers!

Please ensure children have wellington boots and waterproof coats.

How to Support at Home

Please continue to read every day with your child at home.

Don't forget to have a go on Mathseeds and Reading Eggs.

Class Dates

Class Assembly-Thursday 23rd November 9.00am

Christmas Café - Wednesday 6th December – 9.00am-10.00am

Sharing Afternoon – Thursday 7th December 2.45pm

Reception Christmas Play
Thursday 14th December 9.30am
Friday 15th December 11am

Year 1 and 2 Christmas Play
Thursday 14th December – 11am
Friday 15th December 9.30am