

# Beech Class Newsletter

January 2020

Happy New Year!

Welcome back after the Christmas break, we hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable time.

We have lots of exciting events to look forward to this half term including Reception Reading Café, Sharing Afternoon and our new whole school project STEAM (A newsletter to follow).

Thank you for sharing on Tapestry some of the things you have been up to, the children have really enjoyed talking to their class about their holiday news.

## Our school topic for this term is: Near and Far

### Near and Far

It has terrible tusks and terrible teeth in terrible jaws... It's a Gruffalo!

This half term we will be reading the story 'The Gruffalo' by Julia Donaldson and creating our own monsters just like the Gruffalo! We have received an email from the mouse and she needs our help: we will use the ipads and the computers and reply to an email. Alongside this we will be learning about different animals and their habitats. We will be learning about famous naturalist and discover their findings about different animals. We will work together to construct some homes for some animals and we can use our design and technology skills to make some animal puppets which we can then use for role play and retelling the animal facts we have learnt. In PE we will be doing gymnastics by moving in different ways just like animals.

### Class Reminders

Our **library** sessions will be every **Friday**. Please bring back your library book from the previous week to get a new one!

**PE** is on **Monday** and **Thursday**. Please keep PE kits in school and with everything named!

Named wellies to be in school at all times.

Please take a look at this terms knowledge organisers and get sharing on **Tapestry** what you have been doing at home. Children will share this to their class on a **Friday!**

Please continue to **read at least 3 times a week** at home! We check book bags daily and change books once a comment has been written in the children's reading record book.

### Class dates

#### **Reception Reading Café -**

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 9:00 am - 10:00 am

#### **Sharing afternoon -**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2:45 pm

#### **Parents meetings -**

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.

#### **Parent Forum -**

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 9.05 am

#### **STEAM sharing afternoon -**

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 2:40 pm

#### **Beech Class Assembly -**

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 9:10 am

## Learning in Beech Class

This half term we are learning about how we can continue to improve ourselves by making New Year's Resolutions. As a whole school we will be improving our table manners, thinking about how to have positive playtimes and showing respect by listening to each other.

Sit down quietly and  
don't talk with your  
mouth full.

Help other people pass the  
basket of cutlery so  
everyone has some.

Be kind to other people,  
that makes them really  
happy.

Follow our core value safety  
all the time.