



Beech Curriculum Information – Summer 2019

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I trust that you have all had a relaxing holiday. The Year 2 SATS are just around the corner (starting on the 20th May) and we will be spending this period closing any gaps in our learning and ensuring the class's exam technique is secure. Please do not worry about these as the children are very excited to show everyone what they can do.

Staff: As usual, the class will continue to be taught by myself, Miss Hosier - Mrs Charnley will be with us on Mondays.

Curriculum Information:

Mathematics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In preparation for SATS, we will be prioritising the Maths concepts which require the most consolidation during the first half-term. The four operations (+ - x ÷) as well as how to apply our strategies to more complex, worded questions will also be focussed on. Shape/measure, time and statistics will be covered in the second part of Summer.
English 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understand verbs, adverbs, conjunctions and noun phrases. Effectively structuring an adventure story using a visual story as inspiration. Use of formal language to create a newspaper article about the Titanic We have also started teaching dedicated SPAG lessons to support the class (spelling, punctuation and grammar).
Science 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understand the difference between living, dead and non-living. Describing how animals have adapted to their habitat. Describe a simple food chain.
Computing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children will use software to digitally retell a story. E-safety remains a priority – safety of personal details and consent
Physical Education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Wyatt – the focus is preparation for our exciting sports day - all skills associated with athletics will be covered Please ensure your child has a full PE kit (appropriate for the season and including trainers) in school at all times. Names must be clearly written on all labels.
History & Geography 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Geography - This term the focus will be on using locational language, maps and atlases to map out the route of the titanic. History – We will be learning about the voyage of the Titanic.
Art & Design and Technology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under Mrs Turner's guidance, the class will be creating an "Under the Sea" collage using different materials. D&T – In-keeping with our whole school attitude towards healthy eating we will be preparing a healthy sandwich from scratch.
Music 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exploring how we can create a musical structure using percussion instruments to compose repetitive motifs and patterns.
Religious Education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The children will be looking at Hinduism and associated practices and beliefs.
Personal Social Health Education 	<p>This term our focus is on "Relationships" (understanding our rights, how we treat each other and staying safe when communicating) and "Changing me" (discussing the idea of growing up and responsibilities).</p>

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Home Learning: Home learning will continue to be issued on a Wednesday and is to be returned the following Monday. It will include reading, comprehension, times tables practise, handwriting (if applicable) and spelling. Late or incomplete home learning will result in staying in during break or lunchtime in order to catch up the incomplete work. There is a Home Learning Club to assist any pupil who requires help on a Thursday after school with Mrs Hake and Mrs Driver.

Reading Books: Children must read at least five times per week. Reading records have been issued – please take care of these as a new one will have to be purchased by the individual concerned if lost. Filling in the reading records: Parents, please initial that your child has read, but the comment should be written by your child – it must be brief and related to the book e.g. “Bob is a brave character.” or “I liked the way Jenny looked after her friend.” or “New word learnt – colossal = extremely large”



Spellings & Times Tables: The children’s spellings and times tables will continue to be tested each week and so should be practised daily. For some, a list of spelling words for the term will be issued at the beginning of the term for the children to learn. For others, learning will be more personal by children learning the words they got wrong in tests rather



than learning words to be tested. A list of fun ways to learn spelling was issued at the beginning of the year – please feel free to request a copy if required. It is vital that pupils know the meaning of the words they are spelling, so encourage them to look them up in dictionaries and create sentences using their spelling words to ensure they understand how to use the words in the right context.

Important Dates:



First day of term:	Tuesday 23 rd April
Trip (post-SATS park lunch):	Friday 24 th May
Half term:	Monday 27 th May
Back to school:	Monday 3 rd June
Last day of term:	Friday 19 th July (2pm finish)

Help at Home:

For more information on what your child is doing in school as well as how to support your child in their learning, please refer to the class blog on the website as well as information on the Parents section.



Yours sincerely,

Mr Weekes