



Welcome back! I hope you all had a restful break. We have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know your children over the last couple of days and are very much looking forward to the year ahead. Please read below some important information for the new school year.

Staffing

This term the adults in Year 2 will be Miss Waygood, Mrs Miles and Miss Watts.

P.E.

PE will be on a Wednesday this half term. Please send your child into school in their PE kit.

Presentations

Children will have the opportunity to present to their peers on a topic of their choosing. The presentation needn't last longer than 5 minutes and can include props, images, video clips or PowerPoint slides. Over the course of their time at school, we will be helping children learn the skills needed to speak with confidence and authority on subjects they are passionate about. Dates will be sent out next week.

Homework

Children will be sent home with **a set of spellings and 1 sheet of homework** each week. We recommend children **practice their spellings at home at least once a week** and complete their homework. All homework will link to and support classroom learning. This will be sent home on Fridays and is due back in the following Thursday.

Reading

Children are expected to read at home **at least x5 a week**. Children will be sent home with a phonics book and a library book, which they are encouraged to read. These will come home on Monday when phonics resumes. The phonics book will be changed in line with their phonics learning and library books will be changed once a week. **We encourage parents to record children's reading in their records.**

Once children have graduated from phonics, children will have **access to our online reading portal called Oxford Reading Buddy.**

Collection

To ensure the safety of all children, I kindly request you **review your child's Arbor account and add any additional adults** to indicate who is able to collect. If it is a one off collection, please ensure you have spoken to **a member of Beech class staff or emailed the school office**; without consent we will not be able to let your child leave.

Key dates

Wednesday 22nd October- Year 2 Sharing Assembly

With best wishes,
Miss Waygood

CLL

In our Communication, Language and Literacy lessons we will be reading 'The Great Fire of London' by Emma Adams and James Watson Lewis.



This text will be used as the vehicle for our writing throughout the half term. The text focus: **Narrative**

In this unit children will:

- Ask relevant questions to extend understanding and knowledge
- Use capital letters and full stops accurately
- Use a wide range of conjunctions.
- Proof-read our writing for spelling and punctuation errors
- Write a diary entry, poem and a narrative.



Mathematics

Throughout this half term, we will be continuing to develop our understanding of number and place value, as well as addition and subtraction. We will apply our knowledge to:

- count in steps of 2, 3, and 5 from 0, and in tens from any number, forward and backward
- recognise the place value of each digit in a two-digit number (tens, ones)
- identify, represent and estimate numbers using different representations, including the number line
- compare and order numbers from 0 up to 100; use and = signs
- read and write numbers to at least 100 in numerals and in words
- use place value and number facts to solve problems
- add and subtract two-digit numbers.

Physical Development

Year 2 will continue to have regular P.E sessions that will focus on multi-skills and games. Throughout their sessions they will be practising throwing and catching in isolation and in combination; develop flexibility, strength, technique, control and balance.

Place and Time

Beech Class will be going back in time to the 17th century this half term! We will be learning about The Great Fire of London and the infamous diary of Samuel Pepys. We will continue to develop our understanding of leadership and society in the 17th century, as well using a range of sources to identify the changes over time.



The Great Fire of London

PSHE

Our school theme for this half term is 'Being Me in My World'

We will be thinking about:

- Identifying hopes and fears for the year ahead.
- Understanding the rights and responsibilities of class members.
- Knowing that it is important to listen to other people.
- Understanding that their own views are valuable.
- Knowing about rewards and consequences and that these stem from choices.

Art and Creativity

In Art, the children will continue to explore a variety of media to create:

- Silhouette drawings
- Multi-media Firework Paintings
- Harvest- art using a range of media
- London Skylines
- Sketches of Famous Landmarks

Faith & Belief

Christianity- Creation

In this unit children will learn about the following:

- Christian creation story
- God's relationship with human beings
- The importance of the world to God and Christians and how they look after the world.