



Welcome back! I hope you all had a restful break. Please read below some important information for the term ahead.

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

We have thoroughly enjoyed the presentations we've seen so far! Thank you so much for all of the time and effort you've put into supporting your children with these. If your child hasn't presented yet, just a reminder that these needn't last longer than 5 minutes and can include props, images, video clips or PowerPoint slides. If you've misplaced the slip with your child's presentation date, please don't hesitate to let us know and we can share this with you.

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. 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**. Reading on Oxford Reading buddy should still be recorded in children's records.

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.

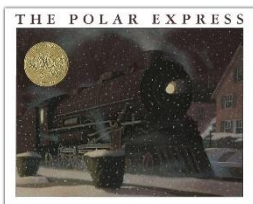
Key dates

- 11th December- KS1 Nativity
- 15th December- Christmas Fayre and Carols
- 17th December- Christmas dinner/Christmas jumper day

With best wishes,
Miss Waygood

CLL

In our Communication, Language and Literacy lessons we will be reading 'The Polar Express' by Chris Van Allsburg.



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

- 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.
- Use expanded noun phrases to describe.
- Proof-read our writing for spelling and punctuation errors
- Write a letter and a setting description.

Place and Time

Beech Class will be learning about hot and cold places. They will be able to name and locate the 7 continents as well as the North and South Poles.

They will find out what the climate is like in these locations and what you will find in these areas.

Science and Technology

Science

Beech Class will be learning about Rocks and Fossils. They will be classifying rocks and identifying their uses, as well as finding out how fossils are formed.

We will read about Mary Anning, a famous palaeontologist, and discuss what we can learn from such curiosities!

Design and Technology

Beech Class will be exploring mechanisms to create moving Christmas cards. They will test and evaluate existing mechanisms before using these ideas to design and make their own.

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:

- solve problems with addition and subtraction: using concrete objects and pictorial representations, including those involving numbers, quantities and measures
- apply increasing knowledge of mental and written methods
- recall and use addition and subtraction facts to 20 fluently, and derive and use related facts up to 100
- add and subtract numbers using concrete objects, pictorial representations, and mentally, including:
 - a two-digit number and ones
 - a two-digit number and tens
 - two two-digit numbers
 - adding three one-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.

PSHE

Our school theme for this half term is 'Celebrating Differences'

The children will be discussing the following topics:

- know that sometimes we make assumptions about people
- know that there are influences that affect how we judge a person and situation
- know forms of bullying and what to do
- know that first impressions can change
- know that positive choices impact positively on self-learning and the learning of others.

Rocks and Fossils

Faith & Belief

Christianity- Incarnation

In this unit children will learn about the following:

- The story of Jesus' birth
- The events leading up to Jesus' birth
- The importance of Jesus to Christians