



Welcome back to the new school year! I hope you all managed to have a wonderful summer holidays. Please read below some important information for the new school year.

Staffing

This term the adults in Year 2 will be myself 'Miss Stacy' (teacher) and 'Mrs Scott' (teaching assistant).

P.E.

For this half term **PE will continue on a Thursday**, 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 were given at the beginning of last term, if you have misplaced it please let me know.**

Homework

Children will be sent home with **a set of spellings and 1 piece 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.

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.**

In addition to phonics books and library books, children will have **access to our online reading portal called Oxford Reading Buddy**. *Please note this remains an online resource until children graduate from our phonics scheme.*

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

Taunton Museum visit- **Thursday 13th March 2025**

With best wishes,
Miss Stacy



CLL

In our Communication, Language and Literacy lessons we will be reading **Tell me a dragon** by Jacqui Morris.

This text will be used as the vehicle for our writing throughout the half term.

The text focus: Non Chronological report



In this unit children will:

- Ask relevant questions to extend understanding and knowledge
- Use capital letters, question marks and full stops accurately
- Learn to use expanded noun phrases
- Write character descriptions
- Use a wide range of conjunctions.
- Proof-read our writing for spelling and punctuation errors
- Write a non-chronological report

Mathematics

Throughout this half term, our focus will be on **fractions**. We will learn:

- Part-whole models
- Equal and unequal parts of a whole
- Halves
- Quarters
- Thirds
- Three-quarters

We will also be focusing on our arithmetic skills and develop the use of mental methods to answer a questions.

Physical Development

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

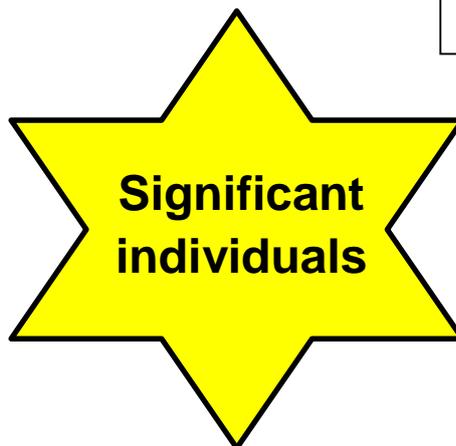
Place and Time

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE AND MARY SEACOLE

This half term, we are learning about Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole.

Our focus questions are:

- What makes someone important in history?
- Who are they?
- Why are they significant?
- What legacy have they left?



PSHE

Our school theme for this half term is **'Healthy Me'**. We will be thinking about:

- Making healthy choices to keep my body healthy.
- Understanding what relaxed and stressed means and how I feel in both circumstances
- Understanding how medicines work and how to use them safely
- Understanding food groups and how they keep me healthy
- How to look after myself to live a healthy life

Arts & Creativity

This half term, our focus is **music with Mrs Heap**.

Children will also have opportunities to design and create their own dragons linked to our CLL topic.



Faith & Belief

How and why do we celebrate special times?

In this unit children will learn about the following:

- Christianity- baptism/ christening
- Christianity- Sunday schools
- Judaism- Brit Milah (birthing ceremonies)
- Judaism- Hannukah

Children will explore the meaning and practices within the religions Christianity and Judaism. They will have opportunities to compare and contrast and reflect upon their own experiences.