

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.

Due to availability of the hall, **PE has changed to a Thursday** this half term. Please send your child into school in their PE kit.

Presentations

We thoroughly enjoyed listening to the children's presentations in the Autumn term. Within the next couple of weeks, we will send home new dates for their Spring presentations.

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 5x 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.**

All children in Year 2 now have access to our online reading portal called Oxford Reading Buddy. Reading on Oxford Reading buddy should still be recorded in children's records. Once children have moved into the Comprehension group, they are expected to complete the Oxford Reading Buddy quizzes after reading the book. Please encourage children to take their time with this and to return to the text if needed.

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 for this term

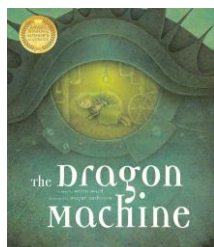
7th January 2026- Welcome Wednesday

16th February-20th February- School Holiday

With best wishes,
Miss Waygood

CLL

In our Communication, Language and Literacy lessons we will be reading 'The Dragon Machine' by Helen Ward.



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

In this unit children will:

- Use capital letters and full stops accurately
- Use a wide range of coordinating and subordinating conjunctions.
- Use expanded noun phrases to describe.
- Use past tense verbs and present tense verbs correctly.
- Proof-read writing for spelling and punctuation errors

Art and Creativity

Beech Class will be printmaking this term. They will explore print-making with their bodies and natural resources before attempting additive and incised printing using foam and ink rollers.

Science and Technology

Science

Beech Class will be learning about living things this term. They will be investigating things that are living, dead and never alive. They will then explore a variety of habitats and consider what makes each creature suited to its environment. We will also explore simple food chains.

Computing

Beech Class will be learning to work with simple spreadsheets on PurpleMash this term. They will identify rows, columns and data, and manipulate the cells to achieve their end goals.

Mathematics



Throughout this half term, we will be continuing to develop our understanding of addition and subtraction, as well as starting to look at multiplication and division. We will apply our knowledge to:

- recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 multiplication tables, including recognising odd and even numbers
- calculate mathematical statements for multiplication and division within the multiplication tables and write them using the multiplication (\times), division (\div) and equals ($=$) signs
- show that multiplication of two numbers can be done in any order (commutative) and division of one number by another cannot
- solve problems involving multiplication and division, using materials, arrays, repeated addition, mental methods, and multiplication and division facts, including problems in contexts

Physical Development

This term we will be developing our travelling, jumping and body shapes through Gymnastics.

Living Things and Their Habitats

PSHE

Our school theme for this half term is '**Dreams and Goals**'

The children will:

- choose a realistic goal and think about how to achieve it
- carry on trying (persevering) when they find tasks difficult
- recognise who they work well with and who they find it more challenging to work with
- work as a group to create an end product

Faith & Belief

Christianity/Judaism- What makes some places sacred to believers?

In this unit children will learn about the following:

- Christian places of worship
- Jewish places of worship
- Holy texts
- Worship