

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 (Monday, Tuesday and Thursday), Miss Watts (1:1) and Mrs Burkinshaw (Wednesday mornings).

P.E.

Our PE will take place on Wednesdays this term. Please send your child into school in their PE kit on these days with long hair tied back.

Homework

Children will be sent home with a set of spellings and 1 sheet of homework each week. We recommend children practise 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.

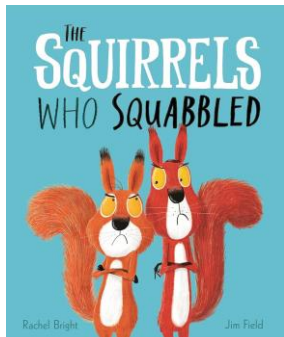
Key dates for this term

Tuesday 9th June 2026 – Sports Day
Thursday 11th June 2026- SASP event
Tuesday 30th June 2026 – Transition day
Monday 6th July 2026- Year 2 Forest School
Tuesday 7th July 2026- SWHT Seaside Workshop (in class)
Tuesday 21st July 2026- Year 2 Minehead Trip

With best wishes,
Miss Waygood

CLL

In our Communication, Language and Literacy lessons we will be continuing our trial of the new approach. We will start our lessons by talking through stories and then we will build sentences with increasing independence. Our first text of the term is *The Squirrels who Squabbled* by Rachel Bright and Jim Field. We will focus on developing our use of conjunctions.



We will also be working on spelling words containing -ge, -dge, kn, gn, wr, homophones, and revisiting common exception words.

Mathematics



Throughout this half term, we will be developing our knowledge of fractions, time and statistics. We will:

- recognise, find, name and write fractions $1/3$, $1/4$, $2/4$ and $3/4$ of a length, shape, set of objects or quantity
- write simple fractions, for example $1/2$ of $6 = 3$ and recognise the equivalence of $2/4$ and $1/2$.
- compare and sequence intervals of time
- tell and write the time to five minutes, including quarter past/to the hour and draw the hands on a clock face to show these times.
- know the number of minutes in an hour and the number of hours in a day

Physical Development

This term we will be focusing on our striking and fielding.

We will:

- Develop and enhance our basic ball handling skills.
- Start to strike a ball.
- Learn how to underarm bowl.
- Develop fielding skills and apply striking skills to gameplay.

Place and Time

History

Beech Class will be learning about changes to seaside holidays within living memory. They will explore the societal changes, including changes to transportation, fashion and communication.

Geography

This term, we will be answering the question, 'What is it like to live by the coast?' We will identify the ocean and seas surrounding the UK, and discuss some coastal features we might find.

Seaside through the ages

Faith & Belief

Humanism

This term we will:

- Learn the terms 'atheist' and 'agnostic'
- Discuss humanist beliefs and celebrations
- Consider moral choices

PSHE

Our school theme for this half term is '**Changing Me**'.

This term, we will:

- Recognise cycles of life in nature.
- Talk about growing older and how this makes us feel.
- Think about how our bodies change.
- Talk about how to be assertive.
- Discuss our feelings about next year.