

Beech Class, Autumn 2 Newsletter



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Dear Year 2 families,

I hope you had a lovely, relaxing half term. It was great to speak to you all at Parents' Evenings and let you know how well the children have settled into Year 2. I am thrilled that so many of the children enjoyed our school trip - Mr Parslow-Williams described their behaviour as "impeccable!".

We have lots of exciting events planned for this half term too (see below for information about our Reading Cafe and Christmas Play). I am sure that we will also be continuing to make great progress in our learning!

Miss Brown

READING AND HOMEWORK

- As reading is such an important skill, we do expect children to read at home **daily**. Please record this in your child's reading record.
- Each **Thursday**, your child will bring home 10 spellings and a Maths activity (consolidating what we have been learning in class) in their homework folder.
- Homework should be handed in on (or before) the following Thursday.

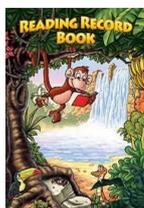
READING CAFE

Please remember that our Reading Cafe is **Thursday 4th November at 9am**. I would love for as many family members to attend as possible to enjoy a hot chocolate and some reading activities with your children. Please remember that grandparents, aunts and uncles are also welcome if parents are unable to attend, or would like to bring another family member along!



PLEASE BRING TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY...

Reading record



Water bottle



PE will still be on a Thursday, but **PE kits** should be kept in school for the whole half term so that children are able to take part in extra activities and enrichment days. Please ensure that your child has a full PE kit, including trainers.

NATIVITY PERFORMANCE

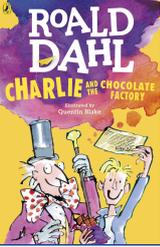
We are hopeful that this year's Christmas Play will be able to go ahead, with Year 2 as the starring roles! More information about roles, lines, costumes and tickets will be coming soon.



Curriculum Map: Autumn 2



What are we learning this half term?

English 	We will be writing rags to riches stories and making our own picture books . We will also be revising our Year 1 phonics sounds (ready for the Phonics Screening Test), practising the past tense in Year 2 grammar, and working on reading skills including vocabulary, retrieval and prediction. Our class book is currently ' Charlie and the Chocolate Factory ' by Roald Dahl.
Maths	We will be working on more difficult subtraction calculations, before moving on to money and multiplication . Our 'Big Maths' will build our confidence with key place value skills, as well as finding 10 more and 10 less .
Science	Our topic is ' Uses of Everyday Materials ', where we will do lots of practical experiments to test which materials are suitable for which purposes.
History	We will be learning about two historical events which are commemorated this time of year: Guy Fawkes/ The Gunpowder Plot , and Remembrance Day .
PE	We are developing our skills in Gymnastics , as well as developing practical skills in Forest School .
RE	Our question to investigate is "Why was Jesus given the name ' saviour '?", which leads to the traditional Christmas story.
PSHE	Our unit title is " Celebrating Differences ", where we will be discussing stereotypes and acceptance of people who may be different from us.
D&T	We will be learning sewing and textiles skills in order to make windsocks!
Computing	We will be learning basic algorithm and coding skills.
Music	As well as learning our Nativity songs, we will consider dynamics and tempo when listening to music from the past.