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## **Beech Class Newsletter – Summer 2017**

Dear Parents and Carers,

The summer term is upon us, and how quickly it has arrived! As the weather is getting warmer and the sun is starting to brighten up the sky, please do remember to bring in sun hats and water bottles.

A little reminder for anyone that has borrowed items from the Beech Class spares box (PE shorts, cardigans, jumpers, trousers, t-shirts, socks and pants). Could they please be returned, as the amount of spare items available has dwindled?

### **Curriculum**



This term our main topic is **Under the Sea**. We started this term off by experiencing some of the animals for ourselves at the National Sealife Centre, Birmingham. The children enjoyed seeing some fantastic creatures up close, watching the animals being fed and some of them even touched a starfish!

Our key focus this term is Art. We will look at a number of famous artists, having a go at imitating their unique styles. We will then explore our own style and create a piece of underwater Art using oil pastels, paints, pencil crayons, chalk etc.

In Science, we will be looking at animal classification, as well as exploring the food chains of underwater predators.

In English, we will be looking at newspaper reports, identifying the key features, before having a go at writing our very own report.

For more information, you can view our Topic Web displayed in the window and on the website.

The second summer term will see us looking at **Pirates**. Our key focus will change, giving us the time to undertake a big Science and Design Technology project. The children will be learning about the suitability and properties of different materials. This will link in with Design Technology when the children are given the task of creating their own boat.

In Art, the children will have a look at the style of cartoons and will have a go at creating their own.



In History, we will be looking at the evolution of lifeboats, as well as exploring the lives of famous people, such as Grace Darling and Pirate Blackbeard. English will give us the opportunity to look at fantasy stories, so we can write our very own pirate adventure.

### **Staffing Arrangements**

On Thursdays, the children will continue to have PE with a sports coach from Club Energy. On Friday mornings, the children will have music with our specialist music teacher, Mrs Broadhead. We are all committed to the care and education of your children and meet regularly as a team to plan; discuss children's progress and share information.

### **Reading Books**

Children will bring home their reading diary and a reading book. Please listen to your child read regularly - talking about the story and helping them with new and unfamiliar words and understanding. Children should bring their reading diary and reading book into school every day, as this means we can read with them whenever we have an opportunity. The children know which colour box they should choose their reading books from and the children are encouraged to use their independence in changing and choosing their own books. We will let you know when we think your child is ready to move on to the next band of books – but if at any stage you are worried about your child's reading, then please feel free to make contact about this.

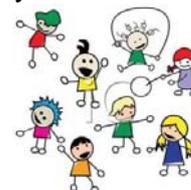


### **Homework**

This can be found on Beech Class page on the website. Homework gives the children the opportunity to enhance their own learning, as well as giving them the opportunity to choose to challenge themselves. The children should report back/hand in any work that they have done at home on Wednesdays to allow time for marking before being given back on a Friday. The children will continue to bring home a homework book which can be used to present their work. Please help your child to complete homework tasks if they need it, but as far as possible let the work be their own. If you have any comments (e.g. they find something very difficult, or have really enjoyed something), please jot us a note in their homework book.

### **PE**

PE will take place on Tuesday and Thursday (Summer Term 1) and Monday and Thursday (Summer Term 2) but it is essential that children have kit in school every day. Please make sure that children have suitable clothing for both indoor (shorts, t-shirt and plimsolls) and outdoor PE (jumper, sports trousers and trainers). Please make sure that all kit and uniform is named.



### **Contact**

Should you need to contact me about any matters arising, you may email direct on the following email address:

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## Reminders

- **Packed Lunches** – Please can we remind you that the school requests that **packed lunches do not contain nuts**.
- **Water Bottles** – Please make sure children have a water bottle with them every day (separate from any drink in their lunch box) as this allows them to access water as and when they require it. Please note these bottles should only contain water (not squash or juice).
- **Absence and sickness** – Please let the office know if your child is absent. The HPA guidance states that it must be 48 hours before your child will be able to return to school after sickness.
- **Hair** – We suggest that children attend school with their hair tied up to avoid any issues.

Please remember that I am always available after school (or before for more urgent problems) if there's anything you would like to discuss.

Yours,

Miss E. Jones.