

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school. I hope you've all had a good rest and are ready for a busy term, hopefully culminating with some Christmas celebrations. It is lovely to be getting back to as close to normality as we are able. We continue to adhere to the Government guidelines as they change and you can be assured that the safety of your children and our colleagues is a priority for us all. We will offer a full curriculum albeit adapted to be delivered in a safe way. Beech class is a 'bubble' and as such do not need to socially distance but will be reminded of not to touch each other, hold hands etc. and advised to wash hands frequently for at least 20 seconds. Through the school day our bubble will remain separated from the other bubbles with staggered breaks and separated lunches.

To comply with government advice, the children will all be facing forward and in set places with their own labelled pot of equipment which they will not be sharing. They must not bring additional pencil cases into school. Any shared equipment will be cleaned and quarantined before and after use.

As there has been such a long gap in your child's school education, we are setting baseline assessments in mathematics and English during the first full week back so that we can identify any gaps in knowledge and to give a point from which to accurately measure their progress. The children will then have targets set and their learning needs will be identified and they will have time set aside in the school week to work on these.

Reading will be a major focus during the Autumn term and we will be allocating all children a school reading book during the first week that matches their assessed reading level. We have regular ERIC (everyone reading in class) time. We aim for every child to read in school to an adult once a week and also have the opportunity for comprehension based tasks. You can help your child by hearing them read frequently and talking to them about their book, including making predictions and talking about their preferences and giving reasons why. Please ensure their book is in school every day. In KS2 they are responsible for changing their own book when it's finished. Accelerated reader children need to do a quiz when they finish their book.

Tables will be tested on a Friday; we alternate 25 questions with 6 seconds per question (online test) with superheroes tests. Spellings will also be tested on a Friday. Please encourage your children to practise these regularly at home.

Homework is due in on Monday, but your child is very welcome to bring it back as soon as it's complete (this helps with marking it, too!). Please do all homework in pencil. If your child finds homework challenging, they are very welcome to attend homework club which is held on Fridays at 12:30.

Outdoor PE remains on a **Tuesday** and the other **PE** session (outside where possible) is now on a **Monday**. Children must have their named water bottles in school as we will not be providing cups of water at lunch and they can take this into PE lessons to help avoid dehydration. We will of course refill water bottles as necessary. Please have a spare pair of named plimsolls/trainers in school for use inside if it is muddy outside.

An outline of the curriculum which we will be covering is in the table at the end of this letter and the 2 year rolling programme can be seen on the school website. Also included at the end is a daily checklist.

As you are aware, we are limiting visitors into school at the moment so it will be difficult to meet with you. However, if you have any questions or wish to tell me something

regarding your child, please feel free to email me or telephone the office and I will respond as soon as is possible.

I am looking forward to teaching and getting to know your children.

Best wishes,

Mrs Welch

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Subject	Autumn 1st half 2020	Autumn 2nd half 2020
Topic	Rainforest	Modern Europe
Big Bang	Zoo lab visit	Spanish Day
RE	Belonging: Hinduism Teaching about God Harvest	Christmas (Y4)
English Genres	Recount Narrative Poetry	Story Settings Riddles
Maths	Number and place value Mental addition and subtraction Written addition and subtraction Strands: Geometry: properties of shapes Mental multiplication and division Number and place value Written multiplication and division Fractions, ratio and proportion Decimals, percentages and their equivalence to fractions Measurement Statistics	
Science	Living things and their habitats (Y4)	Forces and Magnets (Y3)
PSHE SEAL Y3	Circle time New Beginnings	Circle time Getting on and falling out
PE	Games Gym	Games Dance
Computing	E-Safety Internet Research	E-Safety Word Processing
Art/DT	Collage rainforest animal	Christmas card Sewing stocking

Beech Class Checklist

Day	Reminder
Monday Mrs Welch	Homework due in PE (outdoors where possible) Tracksuit or navy shorts and white t-shirt Plimsolls or trainers Remember a spare pair of socks if you wear tights and earring tape if you can't take your earrings out. ALL KIT NAMED PLEASE!
Tuesday Mrs Welch	PE (outdoors where possible)
Wednesday Mrs Welch	Music
Thursday Mrs Dean	Mental arithmetic test Science Computing
Friday Mrs Tyler am Mrs Welch pm	Tables test Spellings test