

Beech Class

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Welcome back!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year and to Beech Class. The children have had a good first week and have already shown incredible enthusiasm, curiosity and conscientiousness in the classroom. They are settling back into school life well and quickly learning the classroom routines.

Our first topic of the year is called 'Groovy Greeks' where we will be learning about Ancient Greece. We have already been exploring this period of history through our topic, Literacy and reading sessions where the children have been quick to both share their existing knowledge and ask lots of intriguing questions. I have included with this letter our knowledge organiser for this term, which includes the main learning points of our topic lessons along with QR codes for some helpful websites and games. I would really appreciate it if you could use this with your child, encouraging them to share with you what they know and what they can remember as the term progresses.

If you ever have any questions or concerns about your child in class, then please do not hesitate to get in touch. The best time to speak to school staff is straight after school, however you can also contact us via the class email address where we will get back to you either by email or phone as soon as possible.

Kind regards,

Mrs Tedcastle (Key Stage 2 Lead), Mr Lusher (Teacher) & Mrs Johnson (TA)

Topics

Our topics this year will be:

- Term 1 – Groovy Greeks (History)
- Term 2 – Window on the World (Geography)
- Term 3 – Time Travellers (History)
- Term 4 – Brilliant Bodies (Science)
- Term 5 – Game Over (DT/Computing)
- Term 6 – Nature Explorers (Science)

PE

This term, PE will be on a **Monday** and **Friday**. During our Friday PE session, we will be working with a Swindon Town Football Club coach. On PE days, children need to wear their PE kit to school.

Homework

For children in Year 5, homework will continue as in previous years. Children will receive a maths and literacy activity each Friday and this is to be returned to school by Wednesday. They will also receive a creative homework each term that will focus on other areas of our curriculum.

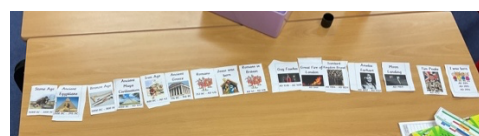
Homework is a little different in Year 6 to support and prepare children as much as possible for both secondary school and SATs. They will be given three workbooks: Maths, Reading and Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling. Each week, they will be given an activity or page(s) from each book to complete. This will also be set on a Friday and should be brought in the following Wednesday.

If your child needs any support with their home learning, please encourage them to come and talk to the school adults. We are always willing to help and work through questions together. The first homework for this term will be sent home today, on **Friday 5th September**.



A look inside our classroom...

In PSHE, we have been learning about collaboration. In teams, we were set a challenge to build the tallest tower that would hold an item.



We have started to learn about where the Ancient Greek period fits into world history and important events that happened.



Key Dates – Term 1

Tuesday 9 th September	Meet the Teacher Meetings at 3:15pm and 3:45pm
Monday 15 th September – Friday 19 th September	Year 6 Ultimate Adventure Residential
Thursday 18 th September	Mobile Caving Experience (Y2-Y5)
Friday 26 th September	LSA Colour Run Fundraiser at 3:10pm
Monday 6 th October	Flu Immunisation Harvest Festival (non-perishable donations welcomed)
Tuesday 14 th October Wednesday 15 th October	Parent/Carer Evenings
Friday 17 th October	End of Term 1 at 3:10pm
Monday 20 th October Tuesday 21 st October Wednesday 22 nd October	TD Days