



Beech Class Spring Term 1 Newsletter



Here is a summary of what your child will be learning this half term:

Our topic this half term will be based on 'Australia'.

English

During this half term, Year 2 children will continue to develop their speaking and listening skills, including using drama and improvisation to explore stories and their characters. We will begin by looking at the story 'Anna Hibiscus'. The book introduces us to Anna's family members; we are asking children to bring in some photographs of their own family members if possible to help our discussions around the story. We will also be writing postcards and letters this half term as well as composing our own poems.

Phonics and Spelling

The children will be learning Year 2 spelling patterns and rules. The children will receive new spellings every Friday to be learnt for the following week, when they will be tested. We will be beginning to encourage the children to use dictionaries to check their spellings too.

Please ensure that your child continues to read widely at home and to record their progress in their Home Reading Journals which will be checked on Thursdays.

Maths

In Maths this half term, Year 2 children will be:

- finding different combinations of coins that equal the same amounts of money
- recalling and using multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 multiplication tables, including recognising odd and even numbers
- calculating mathematical statements for multiplication and division within the multiplication tables and write them using the multiplication (\times), division (\div) and equals ($=$) signs
- showing that multiplication of two numbers can be done in any order (commutative) and division of one number by another cannot
- solving problems involving multiplication and division, using materials, arrays, repeated addition, mental methods, and multiplication and division facts, including problems in contexts.

Please support your child in consolidating these Maths skills at home.

Science

In Science this half term, we will be consider the basic needs of animals (including humans) for survival. We will also consider the importance of exercise and nutrition. We will also be developing our scientific enquiry skills by learning how to compare, sort and group and make careful observations.

Computing

The children will be using 2Calculate as an introduction to spreadsheets.



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RE/PSHE

In RE, we will be learning about sacred places and texts within Judaism.

Our PSHE theme is Going for Goals.

PE

On **Mondays**, we will be developing our Gymnastics skills in PE. On **Thursdays**, the children will be coached by TS Academy.

Notes and Reminders

Children can change their home reading books on any day. Spelling home learning will be given weekly on a Friday and arithmetic home learning will be given fortnightly on a Monday. P.E. kits need to be in school on a Monday to be left in school until Friday and can earrings be either taken out or covered with plasters please?

Now that the children are in Year 2, we are continuing to encourage them to be more independent. Therefore, please encourage the children to enter the classroom by themselves in the morning. If you need to discuss any issues or pass on any information, then please feel free to speak to us.

This newsletter only gives a brief outline of our topics this half term – if you need any further information about any aspect of the curriculum or your child's progress please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you!

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