

BEECH CLASS, AUTUMN 2 NEWSLETTER

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Dear Year 2 families,
Welcome back! It was great to speak to you all over the phone during Parents' Evenings and update you on your children's progress. They have already hit the ground running this half term by beginning our new topics and producing some brilliant writing!

Reminders of our routines:

- Homework: to be sent out and handed in on **Thursdays**.
- Reading: I would like to reiterate how important it is to read with your child at home. Please record this in your child's reading record, which will be checked and signed by Miss Brown every **Monday**.
- PE: Monday and Tuesday afternoons (but PE kits should be kept in school for the whole half term). Please ensure that your child has an appropriate PE t-shirt and shorts, trousers or leggings, as we will be in the hall.

Important Information:

- Please ensure that your child comes to school with an appropriate **jumper and coat** - we aim to get the children outside for breaks in most weathers, and need to keep the classroom ventilated during learning time with windows and doors open as much as possible.
- Due to the Year 1 Phonics Screening in June being cancelled, Year 2 children are now expected to sit the Phonics Screening test this half term (this is a national expectation set out by the government). In order to prepare the children for this, we have been doing daily phonics sessions to recap sounds that should have been taught in Year 1.

CURRICULUM MAP:

English	We are writing rags to riches stories this half term, using the story of Aladdin and our class book, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory , as inspiration. We will continue to work on our phonics and spelling patterns, as well as our reading skills with a variety of text types.
Maths	We will be learning to calculate with money , using pounds and pence and working out change. We will then move on to multiplication and division , including learning and practising our 2, 5, 10 and 3 times tables.
Science	We will be learning about uses of everyday materials , and applying our learning to lots of practical experiments!
History	Our topic this half term is " Local History and Remembrance ". We will be learning about the history of Eye as well as significant events in Suffolk e.g. the Hoxne Hoard and Sutton Hoo. We will also be doing lots of work around Remembrance Day, including poetry and art.
PE	We will be practising sending and receiving skills including rolling, throwing, catching and hitting a ball. We will also be developing our gymnastics skills to create our own sequences.
RE	Our question to investigate is "Why was Jesus given the name 'saviour'?". This will be learnt about through the nativity story and other Christian stories.
PSHE	We will be discussing diversity, including breaking down stereotypes and why our differences should be celebrated.
D&T	We will be learning lots of different textiles skills this half term to create some beautiful products! This will include weaving, fabric collage, and an introduction to sewing.
Music	We will be learning some traditional and some modern Christmas songs.
Computing	We will learn basic coding skills on PurpleMash, and will again be using Google Classroom in other curriculum areas.