



Beech Class Routines 2020-21

It is so wonderful to be back at school! We have had a super busy start to the year and our newest members of Beech Class are settling in beautifully to their new setting. My apologies for not sending this out sooner however we've spent the first few weeks of term tweaking our post-lockdown timetable and routines. If you have any queries, please do come and speak to me at the gate after school or e-mail the school office.

😊 Mrs Scott

Homework

Homework is set on a Tuesday and the daily tasks should be completed each day. Tasks are designed to be 'little and often' and focus on the key skills of reading, number facts and spellings.

- **Reading 10 minutes 3-5 times per week** Reading is the most important thing you can do with your child. Reading is so much more than enjoying a good story together as it expands vocabulary, aids comprehension and boosts confidence in every single subject. Reading books are changed once a week on Mondays and this is when reading diaries are checked. **Please ensure your child brings their reading book and reading diary every Monday.** Children in Key Stage 2 are generally quite capable of decoding text and branching out from the very structured nature of our reading scheme. If your child finishes their book, I encourage them to choose a book for enjoyment. In fact, I would expect children to be reading their own book along-side their school reading book.
- **Daily spelling practice** – our weekly spelling practice links to the Spelling Frame website and the corresponding rule will be recorded on your child's homework sheet each week. This is a great site for a little extra practice as it breaks the spellings up into syllables. Our weekly spelling test takes place on Monday and your child's results will be fed back to you on the overview sheet at the front of your child's homework folder. [Spellingframe](#)
- **Daily number facts practice** – initially, we will be working on instant recall of addition facts but we will also be practising our multiplication facts as the term progresses.

If your child forgets to bring their homework folder home, tasks are available on the class blog.

PE

From 21st September, our PE and Performing Arts lessons will take place on Monday and Thursday. Children should wear their PE kits to school and should wear their school jumper and leggings or joggers over the top of their PE kits as the weather turns colder.

Music

This term, we are very fortunate to have a 10-week block of string lessons with the fabulous Mrs Mold! Our lessons will begin on Friday 25th September and children have chosen to learn the violin or the cello. We will end our lessons with a concert which I hope will either be via video call and/or recorded so that we can showcase our new skills to friends and family.

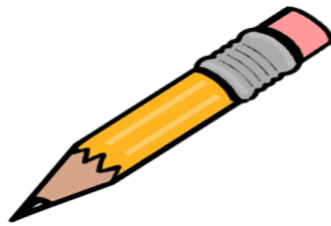
Drinks Bottles/Snacks

Please ensure your child has a drinks bottle (with water only) in school each day – even during colder weather – as staying properly hydrated really boosts concentration. Children may bring in a healthy snack of fruit or vegetables for break time. Children with snacks other than fruit or vegetables will be directed to the fruit bowl in Willow Class.

Checklist

We really encourage children in Beech Class to begin to take more responsibility. It is a good idea to encourage your child to pack their own bag and make sure they have everything they need for school each day. You could create a checklist to support your child and make sure nothing is forgotten.

- Packed lunch/ snack
- Reading book/ reading diary
- Spellings and times tables folder
- Water bottle
- Coat



For the Autumn Term,
our weekly timetable
looks like this:

	8:50-9:30	9:30-10:30	10:30-10:45	10:45-12:15	12:15-1:15	1:15-3:05		
Mon	Morning Meeting/ PSHE	Spelling Test/ Lesson	Break Time	Mental Maths/ PE	Lunch Time	Reading for pleasure	Topic	Story
Tues	Kinetic Letters/ Guided Reading	English		Maths/ Story		Maths (Geometry)	Computing	
Weds	Kinetic Letters/ Guided Reading	English		Maths/ Story		Reading for pleasure	Science	
Thurs	Kinetic Letters/ Guided Reading	English		Maths/ Story		Performing Arts	RE	
Fri	Music/ Guided Reading			Maths or English alternating weeks/ Story		French	Art	Assembly