



## Beech Class Newsletter Autumn 2024

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Welcome back after the summer holidays! It was so lovely to meet all the new Beech children last week. They have settled in brilliantly and should be enormously proud of themselves for such a smooth transition into Key Stage 2.

**Please help by ensuring that:**

- Your child is lined up outside the classroom at 8.45am promptly.
- PE kits are in school ready for PE days. See below for further details.
- Your child comes to school with a freshly filled water bottle every day.
- They have a fruit snack for break-time if required.

If you have any questions or concerns please come and speak to one of us at the end of the day and we will be happy to help. Here's to a happy and successful Year in Beech Class!

### PE

PE will take place **inside** every **Wednesday** and **outside** every **Friday**. Please make sure your child's PE kit is in school ready for them to change into.

PE kit consists of:

Plain white short sleeved T shirt, plain navy or black shorts, plain navy or black track suit bottoms or leggings and black trainers. Your child's regular Ashfield sweatshirt or cardigan can be worn if it is cold.

### English

In English, we will continue to use sentence stacking and experience days to allow children to develop their creative writing skills. This term we will be looking at poetry and stories which link to our focus in history.

We will practise our weekly spellings every day.

We will be reading 'The 13 storey Treehouse' by Andy Griffiths as our class story this term. Also, we will be looking at 'Cave Baby' by Julia Donaldson and 'Ug Boy Genius' by Raymond Briggs.

Some children may also take part in small English group work and interventions.

### Maths

In Maths we will start to embed our new Maths scheme with White Rose Maths. This term will focus on:

- Place Value: counting in hundreds, tens and ones, partitioning numbers to 1000, comparing and ordering numbers and number patterns.
- Addition and subtraction: addition and subtraction facts including up to 10, 100 and past 100, spotting patterns and connections, exchanging and inverse operations.
- Multiplication and division: multiplying and dividing by 2, 3, 4 and 8, solving word problems and arrays.

We will also complete TT Rockstars 3x per week and this term will focus on the 3, 4 and 8 times tables.

### Our other Autumn Topics

#### **Science**

Forces and Magnets

#### **Computing**

Networking- connecting computers, e-safety and creating media-animations.

#### **History**

The Stone Age

#### **Geography**

Orienteering, Fieldwork and UK Countries/ Cities

#### **Art&DT**

Stonehenge silhouette painting and textiles

#### **RE**

How do Jews remember God's covenant with Abraham and Moses?

#### **PE**

Real PE Scheme and Netball

### Homework

#### **Reading**

Children are expected to read every day for at least 10 minutes and have this recorded in their reading record. Please use this time to ask your child questions about their book to develop their understanding. Please return book bags every **Friday** so that books can be changed and reading records checked and signed.

#### **Times tables**

In Year 3 the children are expected to do 10 minutes a day of times table practice.

#### **Spelling**

Your child will have a weekly spelling test. Children will be expected to practice spellings at home as well as in school. Spellings will be set on spelling shed on **Mondays** and the children will be tested on the following **Monday**.

*Copies of login details for Spelling Shed and TTRockstars are inside the back of reading records.*

#### **Maths**

Children will be given Maths homework to complete on **Mondays** and hand back in on the following **Monday**.

We are really looking forward to working in partnership with you over the coming year and thank you in advance for your continued support. Year 3 Team

### **Dates for your diary:**

Thursday	12 <sup>th</sup> September	Footloose dance workshops
Friday	13 <sup>th</sup> September	Meet the teacher (all classes)
Monday	16 <sup>th</sup> September	Race horse visit to school
Tuesday	17 <sup>th</sup> September	3:30 Friends of Ashfield - staffroom
Saturday	21 <sup>st</sup> September	Community Clear Up Day – wild life area 10:00 – 1:00
Thursday	3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Individual photo day
Friday	4 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival 2pm
Monday	7 <sup>th</sup> October	Judo Y1-Y6
Thursday	10 <sup>th</sup> October	World Mental Health Day
Thursday	17 <sup>th</sup> October	Friends of Ashfield fancy dress disco 4:15-5:15 EY & KS1 and 5:30-6:30 KS2
W/B Monday	28 <sup>th</sup> Oct – 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Half Term
W/B Monday	11 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti Bullying week
Wednesday	13 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Carer Consultation
W/B Monday	13 <sup>th</sup> November	Otley science festival
Friday	15 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need
Saturday	16 <sup>th</sup> November	Otley science fair @ The Courthouse
W/B Monday	18 <sup>th</sup> November	SEND Week
Thursday	12 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Christmas Performance at 9:30am and 2:15pm
Tuesday	17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle at Church KS1 lead 2pm
Thursday	19 <sup>th</sup> December	Friends of Ashfield Christmas disco 4:15-5:15 EY & KS1, 5:30-6:30 KS2
Ws/B Monday	23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec –3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	Christmas Holidays

