

Dear Parents / Carers,

Beech Class – Year 3/4

I am pleased to welcome your children to Beech Class. This term, mornings will be focused on Spelling, English, Reading and Mathematics. In the afternoons, routines will vary around other subjects such as P.E. on Monday afternoons, R.E. on Tuesday afternoons, Science, Computing, Art and French. We will be focusing on both settling the children back into school and to ensure they make rapid progress, identifying learning gaps or next steps to support this. I will be in contact with you in due course to discuss this with you.

For a more detailed overview of plans for the term, please see the Beech Class curriculum map on our website.

P.E.

This term, P.E. will be taking place on Monday afternoons. Children should come to school wearing their P.E. kit on Mondays. Their kit should be warm enough to wear all day and suitable for outdoor P.E. as the weather grows colder.

Home Learning

Home learning is being set in an online capacity this year. The cycle will run from Tuesday to Tuesday. Each Tuesday children will be set:

- **MyMaths** - Two MyMaths activities will be set a week, with the activities complementing the same topic as we are learning in class.
- **Spellings** – Physical copies of spellings will not be sent home. These will be uploaded to the children's **online folders**, clearly labelled with the week to which they relate. The weekly spellings will be tested each Tuesday.
- **Reading** - Children should read each evening and bring their reading record to school each day with comments about what they have read. Children's comments should focus on explaining what they have read, for example if a child says that they are enjoying the book because it is amusing, they should provide an example of something they found particularly funny. Children will have opportunities to change their reading book in the library every day.

Children will also have access to:

- **Times Tables Rock Stars**. Children should try to practise their number facts at home at least twice a week.
- **Bug Club**. A wide range of books can be read online and there is an opportunity to answer comprehension questions to demonstrate understanding (and to earn points to play games!).

I am excited to be teaching at Peshurst. I look forward to meeting you in due course and working closely with you to support your child's learning.

With best wishes,

Mr Newman
Class Teacher