

Autumn Term 2022

Beech: Miss Hopewell (Class Teacher) and Mrs Serratorre

Cedar: Miss Ballinger (Class Teacher), Mrs Kucinska, Miss Wilder and Mrs Evans

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to another exciting year and the first term of Year 2. Year 2 is a very important year for your child, as in May they will be sitting their SAT's tests. We do not tell the children that they will be taking part in these, instead we tell them that they are doing 'Special Agent Training' to ensure that they do not feel under any pressure what so ever. We are very much looking forward to working and learning with you all.

Term 1 and 2 Topics:

During Term 1, our topic will be villages, towns and cities. Here we will explore what a village, town and city is, look at capital cities both here in the UK and in other countries and we will also compare villages and towns in other countries to the UK as well. Our focus text for this term will be the Jolly Postman. The children will be learning the key features of a letter and exploring how to write a letter just like the ones the Jolly Postman delivers.

In Term 2, our topic will be the Great Fire of London. We will explore how the fire happened, why it burned down so many houses, what could be done differently to prevent the fire happening and exploring the work of Samuel Pepys. We will also be taking a visit to the local fire station. This is a really exciting visit where the children will be able to explore the fire engine and also learn how they can be safe and prevent fires from happening. Our focus text for this term will be Poems to Perform by Julia Donaldson. We will be exploring a variety of poems, looking at their rhythm, rhyme and onomatopoeia that can be used to enhance poetry as well.

PE:

Our PE days will be Monday's and Friday's during Term 1 and 2. Please ensure your child is being sent in their full PE kits during these days and that the PE kit adheres to our school policy which can be found on the school website.

- Velcro or Lace Up Trainers/Daps
- Plain Green or Black Shorts
- Plain white T-Shirt or House Colour T-Shirt

Polite Reminder: Children are allowed to wear earrings to school however, they must just be a pair of studs and no earrings that may dangle from their ears.

Homework and Reading:

From Term 2, your child will be sent home with a Times Table Rockstars login. They will be set homework on this and this will be expected to be completed weekly. By the end of Year 2, children are expected to be fluent in their 2, 3, 5 and 10-times tables. They will also be set a piece of Maths homework based on the learning that we have carried out in the week.

Children are expected to read 5 times a week. This must be recorded in their reading record. If your child is finding the books too easy then please come and speak to your child's class teacher and we can assess your child to see if they need to be moved up. Also, if your child is reading their own books at home, this also counts towards the 5 times reads a week.

Library Books will be aimed to be changed on a Wednesday and they will be expected to be returned the following Wednesday. If your child does not return their library book then they will not be able to choose a new one until it is returned.

We are really looking forward to the year ahead. Please feel free to ask us any questions that you may have.

Best Wishes,

Miss Hopewell and Miss Ballinger