

*"if you have faith as small as a mustard seed...nothing will be impossible."*  
(Matthew: 17 v20)

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Dear Parents/Carers and children,

**Welcome back!** We hope you have had a lovely time over the summer and that you are looking forward to a new school year in Beech Class! We are looking forward to having an exciting and productive year and hope you enjoy the new challenges that this year has to offer.

### **Topic - Land Ahoy!**

As you may have guessed from the hats and eye patches the children have been creating, our first learning theme for this year is all about pirates! We will introduce the children to what it means to be a historian and begin to talk about the past. We will investigate the lives of significant people who lived during the Golden Age of pirates and learn what it was like to live on board a pirate ship sailing the seven seas. We will learn about the phrases and traditions relevant to pirate life and read lots of texts linked to our theme such as *The Night Pirates*, *Pirates Next Door*, and *Never Mess with a Pirate Princess*.

### **Reading and Spelling**

In Y2 the children will continue to bring home a phonics book and a book to share to encourage their reading for pleasure. As they progress through the year they will move onto our new fluency books as part of the next stage of our phonics programme 'Little Wandle'.

The children will now also begin to develop their spelling strategies by following our new programme 'Spelling Shed'. We will provide the children with a list of their spellings each week that include the spelling rules they will cover in class. We will also be sending home a unique login and username for each child to access Spelling Shed games to support their practice at home.

Please look out for these in your child's reading record.

### **Maths**

Year 2 will begin the year by focusing on place value by counting, representing, ordering and comparing numbers to 100. We will continue to practice counting in 2s, 5s, and 10s, before beginning to count in 3s. Year 2 will also move onto addition and subtraction later this term.

### **RE**

In RE we will be asking ourselves the question 'Who made the world?'. We will be learning to retell the story of creation from *Genesis* and explore ways in which Christians say thank you to God for the creation. We will be thinking, discussing, and asking questions about living in an amazing world.

### **PE and Forest School**

PE will take place for Beech class on a Friday morning. Please make sure that your child comes into school on the day wearing their PE kit.

Forest School for Beech Class will take place on a Monday afternoon. Half the class will spend the afternoon with Mr Chidwick and the other half will complete outdoor adventurous activities with myself. We will be sending the children home in their Forest School kits in order to maximise on our time in the woodland.

If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to get in touch via the school office or at the end of the day.

We are looking forward to working closely with you and your children this year!

Miss Roberts, Miss Scott and Miss Holden

