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

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Dear Parents/carers,

Welcome back to the start of Term 2 in Beech Class!

We will be continuing with our theme of 'What a Wonderful World' and have a great term planned with lots of new and exciting opportunities for the children.

Topic

Our topic this term is called 'Woodland Adventure' and as part of our literacy learning we will be reading 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen. We will focus on learning to retell the story with pictures and actions. We will be creating story maps and innovating the story to make our own versions before moving onto writing facts about bears in a piece of non-fiction writing. As part of our geography learning, we will be taking part in fieldwork around the school and exploring maps, using these experiences to draw our own maps.

Maths

The children will continue to work on addition and subtraction. Year 1 have been developing their fluency skills with number sentences and will be focusing on recalling number bonds to 10. We will continue to focus on their knowledge of place value by exploring numbers to 20 and developing an understanding that 2-digit numbers are made up of 'tens' and 'ones'.

Year 2 will be focussing on related number facts and using their knowledge of number bonds to 10 and 20 to recall number bonds to 100. They will also focus on adding 2-digit numbers.

Science

In science this term, Beech Class will be moving on to investigate animals. We will be carrying out investigations to help us understand the difference between herbivores, omnivores and carnivores. We will identify animals that are birds, fish, amphibians, reptiles, mammals and invertebrates and use



this knowledge to describe and compare common animals and how they are suited to their environment.

RE

In RE we will be concentrating on 'Incarnation' and asking the question - Why does Christmas matter to Christians?

PE, French, and Forest School

PE will take place on Tuesday's and Friday's. Children need to have a t-shirt, shorts, plimsolls (inside) and trainers (outside). They can also have jogging bottoms or a tracksuit now that the colder weather is beginning to set in.

Mrs. Reynolds will be teaching French every Wednesday.

Forest School will continue to take place on a Monday afternoon with Mr. Chidwick. Half of the class will go to Forest School whilst the other half will stay with myself for outdoor learning. Therefore, please ensure that your child has the correct clothing they need for these sessions which includes a long sleeve top and warm layers.

Reading Books

Please continue to support us with your child's reading by listening to them read regularly at home. Miss Lamb will continue to change books on Monday's and Thursday's to ensure that we can quarantine them for use the following week. However, it is always useful for your child to bring in their book everyday so that an adult in school is able to listen to them read. We are also very lucky to have Mr. Parkinson coming in during the week to help us listen to readers.

We look forward to the exciting term of learning ahead!

Kind regards,
Miss Roberts and Miss Lamb

