



# Welcome to Beech Class

## Year 3 & 4

### Useful information to know about Beech Class

#### Staffing

Mrs Bisson will be teaching all of the week. The children will also work with Mrs Brewer on a Friday afternoon. Our Teaching Assistant will be Mrs Hughes.

All the staff are very excited about planning lots of exciting activities and trips!



#### In Class

The children are encouraged to bring a water bottle to have in class (no juice) – please ensure they are labelled clearly. They are not provided with free fruit as they were in KS1, so we encourage the children to bring a healthy snack of either, fresh fruit, fresh vegetables, plain popcorn, plain breadsticks, plain crackers, or plain rice cakes. **No nuts, peas or sesame please!**



There is limited space in the classroom so no large bags – a book bag is perfect! For children in KS2 we offer a different design of school bag. The bags are available at a cost of £6.50 and can be bought online by making a payment to Bury Council. We would strongly encourage the children in KS2 to use this design of bag.

Children don't need any stationary, e.g., pencil cases, notebooks, as everything is provided. However, when children are in Year 4, they move from pencil to pen. School will provide a blue biro pen, however, if parents are able to purchase a blue 'Pilot Frixion' pen and refills (pictured below), then that would be hugely helpful. These pens encourage clean, smooth writing and offer the advantage of an eraser on the end of the pen. Unfortunately, this is something the school budget cannot accommodate.



#### Sensory Toys

Every class has a basket of sensory aids, that are accessible to all children. Please **do not** send your child into school with a fidget toy or sensory aid, as these can easily get lost.

## **Birthdays**

We politely request that you **do not** send in sweets or cakes for birthdays. Instead, we suggest donating a book or game for the class. Birthday certificates are stuck into books that are donated.

## **Mental Maths**

It is essential that the children continue to practise and become proficient in mental skills. This includes telling the time, knowing number bonds, times tables and being able to use known facts to help complete calculations. By the end of Year 3, children should know their 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 & 10 tables. By the end of Year 4, children should know all times tables, and will take a statutory times tables test in June. Please continue to work with your child to help them become, and remain, fluent in these skills. We are sending home a times tables booklet, so that your child can practise over the summer.

## **Reading**

The children will not be heard individually in school as often as they were in KS1, although some children will be identified and supported as daily readers. It is essential that the children continue to read with parents at home daily and that children have the opportunity of discussing their reading with someone. Reading books will be changed by the children when they have finished a book. Please fill in the Reading Record as you did in KS1, to tell us how far they have read, if they had any difficulties and whether they understood the book. Please ensure your child has their guided reading and individual reading book in school every day.

## **Handwriting**

Our expectation is that all children by the end of Year 3 will have a cursive style of writing and will be given a pen in Year 4.

## **Homework**

Every Friday on the Seesaw Journal, there will be weekly spellings and the timestable to practice for the week. Spellings and timestables will be tested on the following Friday. Comprehension and maths sheets are also sent home on a Friday to be returned the following Friday.

## **PE**

In KS2 the children have 2 sessions of PE a week and wear their 'Blue Uniform'. This consists of a white t-shirt, blue joggers, blue sweatshirt (not a hoody) and trainers. If you would like more information about this sports uniform please speak with the office. On the days when the children do PE they will come to school in the sports uniform and wear it all day. **Blues days in Beech Class are Monday and Thursday.** The children do not need a PE kit to leave in school.



## **Uniform**

We have high expectations for uniform, and we do not allow logos on clothes or nail varnish. Please ensure long hair is tied up. Children are allowed to wear stud earrings and a watch if they wish.

### **Punctuality**

Every morning from 8.45am, an early morning activity is set. This will be handwriting, daily reading, maths fluency or catch-up interventions. It would be helpful if your child was in the classroom for **8.45am**, ready to learn.

### **Communication**

Any messages regarding well-being or learning can be sent through Seesaw to Mrs Bisson. All other messages need to be sent through the school office e.g., absences, medical appointment, collecting your child early.