



Year 1 Newsletter

Term 1



Welcome to Year 1! We hope that you all enjoyed the summer break and are looking forward to the new school year. The children have settled into Beech incredibly well and we have all been impressed with their enthusiasm at returning to school and their very smart uniform. We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead and would also like to thank you for your continued support.

The Year 1 Team

Curriculum and topic information

We are very excited about our curriculum this term! Our topic is 'Long, long ago' and we will be learning all about castles. We will also be investigating Autumn. Please see the topic web for more information on what we will be learning.

Our texts for this term are 'Where the Wild things are' by Maurice Sendek and 'A dark, dark tale' by Ruth Brown.

PE

PE is on a **Tuesday**.

Please provide an appropriate PE kit in school.

This should include:

black shorts/leggings

White t-shirt (where possible)

Plimsolls or trainers.

To avoid accidents and loss, no jewellery should be worn, and long hair should be tied up.

Time table

The classroom will open between **8.45am and 8.55am**. After this time the doors will be locked, and children must be taken to the office.

Please ensure that your child is in school promptly. Arriving late can have an impact on their learning.

At the end of the day doors will open at **3.15pm until 3.25pm**. After this time children will be taken to the office for collection.

School trips

We have planned some exciting school trips and workshops this year! Look out for the letter coming home shortly for more details.

Payment details for each trip will also be set up on ParentPay.

Reading

We listen to the children read their home reading book in class and books will be changed weekly.

We also read daily during our RWI phonics sessions.

Beech visit the library on a Thursday morning so please could library books be in school on these days.

Thank you for reading at home with your children. It doesn't matter if your child is reluctant to read to you; your child will enjoy you reading to them and it will benefit them too.

It really is lovely to spend 5 minutes a day sharing a book and talking about it together no matter who is reading.

Assemblies

Monday 9 am: Whole School Values assembly
Tuesday 9 am: Singing assembly
Friday 9 am: Whole School Celebrations and class assembly

Please refer to the school newsletters for additional information about upcoming events

Show and tell

Show and tell will take place on **Thursdays**. This term we would like to link 'Show and tell' to our Castles topic or Autumn.

We would also love to hear about any achievements or special occasions that your child would like to share and celebrate.

Uniform

The children have started the year looking very smart. As a reminder uniform should consist of:

- Black or grey school uniform trousers (not jogging bottoms)
- Skirt or dress
- White or light blue polo shirt
- School jumper
- Most importantly black shoes.

Please note these items are available second hand from the school through the school website.

Children may wear watches and ear studs if required, except during PE

Please ensure that all items of uniform are labelled.

Dates for your diary

- Friday 5th October – Harvest Festival Assembly
- Tuesday 9th October – Parents Evening
- Thursday 11th October – Parents Evening
- Thursday 18th October – International Evening
- Friday 19th October – Term 1 ends
- Monday 23rd October – Term 2 starts
- Wednesday 14th November – Year 1 trip to Windsor Castle

And finally...

We are always happy to receive any unwanted toys in Year 1!
We would especially love to take dolls, prams/pushchairs, cars, lego and small world items off your hands.

Any toys that we are unable to use will be passed onto a local charity.

We are also always in need of cardboard and plastic containers for junk modelling.
You can bring these into the classrooms anytime.

Thank you.