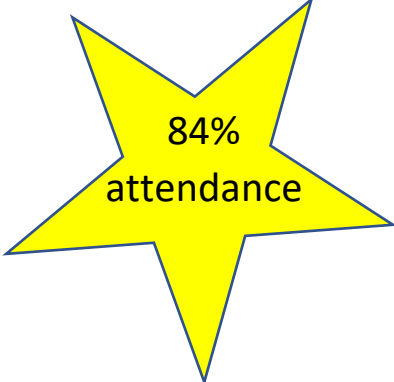




Beech Class – October 2022



84%
attendance

We have had a **wonderful** start to year 5. I am delighted to see your children being so **polite, engaged** with their learning and trying their best in every aspect of school life. They have adapted very quickly to our new routines and are **conscientious** about keeping themselves and others safe.

It is important that the children are **reading** to you every night and practising their **spellings** and **times tables**.

During the second half of the autumn term, our *geography* topic will be Volcanoes and Earthquakes. This is one of my favourite topics to teach, I find it fascinating. To accompany this topic, we will be reading *How to Train your Dragon* by Cressida Cowell. If anyone has watched the films, you will know how brilliant the stories are - the books are completely different but just as good if not better (with a very cheeky Toothless). During this term, we are going to draw, and create our very own dragons eyes - I am looking forward to seeing how creative our class can be. We will also be reading some traditional Christmas stories and using film clips for inspiration for our own writing.

We plan to continue with outdoor *PE* as much as possible, please make sure your children are adequately dressed for the weather. We will be doing handball and yoga.

In *maths* we are looking at statistics and then multiplication and division. Please continue to practise Times Tables at home – I have found the best way to do this is to put Times Table songs on both at bed time and in the car (my two were usually asleep by the 7's).

Was Jesus the Messiah? is our learning question on *RE* next term. This will include looking again at the Big Frieze, focusing on Incarnation and learning about the meaning of Christmas to some Christians.

Have a really relaxing half term. Stay safe and sensible. We look forward to seeing you all back in school for the lead up to Christmas,

Mrs Calder, Mrs Weight, Mrs Mann, Ms Cato

Forest School We will be having Forest School session every Friday afternoon next term, come rain or shine! These sessions will be child lead, giving the children the chance to explore the natural world around them. They will have safe opportunities to build dens, climb trees, use equipment and enjoy a fire. Further details to follow.

Our PE days will still be Monday and Thursday, please continue to send the children into school in their kit on these days. The children must bring a sensible coat into school each day as playtimes and learning will still be taking place as often as possible outside. Occasionally these days will change and I will let you know via Ping and Dojo.