



Beech Class – October 2024

96.3 %
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 expectations. It was also lovely to see so many of you at parents evening – thank you for taking the time to come and see me.

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, we will be basing our English curriculum around *The Hound of the Baskervilles*. I think the children will enjoy the suspense and drama in this text. We will be continuing to read *The Explorer* during our daily story time.

PE will continue to be on a Monday and Thursday – we will be using the equipment in gymnastics and practising mindfulness by doing yoga in our other lesson. The children are welcome to bring in blankets for yoga lessons. Please continue to send your children into school in their PE kit on these days.

In maths we are recapping and developing multiplication and division followed by a unit on fractions. 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.

We will have open classroom on Wednesday 11th December – I hope you can come in and see your children's learning. As always, if you need to get hold of me please do so using Class Dojo or via the school office.

Have a really relaxing half term. Stay safe and sensible. Read at least one book and get lots of fresh air. We look forward to seeing you all back in school for the lead up to Christmas,

Mrs Calder, Mrs Weight, Ms Rusinova

Forest School We will be having weekly Forest School sessions 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. On these days, the children should come into school in their Forest School clothes. Forest School will be on the following dates.

8.11.23

15.11.23

22.11.23

29.11.23

6.12.23

13.12.23