97.4 % attendance

Beech Class – October 2026

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**.

Monday 2nd November – Start of Term 2
Friday 13th November – Children in Need
Wednesday 16th December – Christmas Jumper, Dinner and Party Day
Friday 6th November – Dress down day for chocolate
Thursday 10th December – Cinema Trip
Friday 18th December 10:45 – Christmas Crib Service, End of Term

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 Who Let The gods Out during our daily story time.
PE will continue on a Monday morning with Yoga (the children are welcome to bring in blankets for the session) and Tuesday afternoon with Gillingham football club – please continue to send your children to school in active wear so that they can participate in OPAL at lunchtimes.
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). Next term, I will be setting online maths homework on a Monday that I expect to be completed over the week – there will be opportunities to complete this at school during lunchtimes if needed.
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.
In Science we are continuing our learning on Materials before moving onto Forces – we try to keep these lessons as practical and relevant to everyday life.
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 Mann, Miss Mayos