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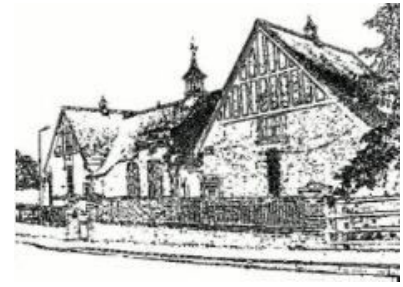
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Welcome to Year 4 and Beech Class! I hope that you have enjoyed your summer and you and your child are looking forward to an exciting school year. Here is an insight into the learning that your child will be undertaking this term, as well as some general information about their time in Beech Class.

Reading: Please keep reading regularly with your child at home. It is very important that your child is able to consolidate their reading outside of school hours. They will have a daily whole class reading session with myself as well as one to one reading time with either Mrs Stokes, myself or a parent volunteer. Once they have completed a book they will be able to change it during their independent reading time. Please comment in their reading guide so that we can see how they have been getting on with their reading at home.

Homework: will be given out on a termly basis, linked to topics that we are covering in class. We will check homework books on **Thursdays** (books returned on a Friday), please complete one task per week. Children are more than welcome to create their homework on a computer but please ensure that it is in their own words. If you do not have the facilities to print homework at home, feel free to email it to our class email address beech@asfordbyhill.leics.sch.uk and we will print it in school. I am afraid that we cannot take homework from memory sticks. Please encourage and support your child where necessary to complete their homework. Feel free to comment on how well your child managed with each task. It is important for me to know if they have found something particularly challenging. It's also nice to know if they have enjoyed it too!

Spellings: will be given out on a **Thursday** and tested the following **Thursday**, in line with the Year 4 English Curriculum. The children will have a spelling list to learn linked to a spelling rule or pattern, but when tested will have some bonus spellings which will be taken from the Year 4 word list. During the test I will say the spelling, put the spelling word into a sentence then repeat the spelling word again. Once marked, their answer sheet will be attached into their spelling books for you to see. This term's spelling lists are on the Beech Class page on the school's website.

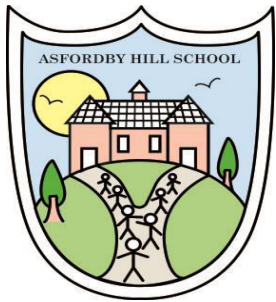
Times tables: will be given out on a **Monday** and tested the following **Monday**. The children will be coming home with their own times tables card next week. They achieve bronze, silver and gold stars for each times tables where they get 10/10! Once the children have achieved gold on their 12 x tables, they can move onto the 99 Club!

PE Kits: Beech Class will have PE every Wednesday. PE kits should be kept in school until the end of each half term when they will be sent home to wash. Please ensure PE kits (including trainers) are in school and named at the start of each half term!

We will also be going swimming every Thursday starting on 6th September. Please make sure that swimming kits are in on Thursdays and that earrings are removed before school.

Names: Please ensure all your child's school uniform/PE kit, pack lunch and water bottle are clearly named. Thank you.





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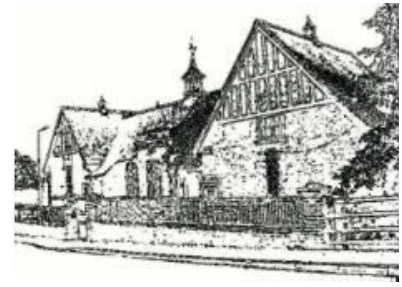
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Beginning and end of day arrangements: In the morning Beech children need to be dropped off in the front playground. When a member of staff opens the side gate, the children will then walk independently around to the back playground and into Beech classroom (the cabin). They will hang their coats and bags upon the pegs at the back of the room, lunch boxes will be taken over to the main building in one go. This will help your child to be more independent. If you need to get a message to me in the morning please go to the office.

At the end of the day the children will walk from the classroom to the front playground via the side gate.

Parent helpers: Parent helpers are always welcome to help in class with extra reading, times tables practice and other activities. Please let me know if you would like to help in Beech class this year, or if you have any skills that you think may be useful!

Autumn Term's Curriculum

Much of this term's work will be based on the topic 'The Amazing Aztecs' beginning with the traditional story of 'The Eagle and the Snake' and the Horrible Histories 'Angry Aztecs'. Please send in any books or items of interest related to the class topic for 'show and tell'.

The main English focus will involve consolidating knowledge of vocabulary, punctuation and grammar, developing the essential processes for writing and writing for a range of purposes and audiences. English work will be linked to successful authors and poets, as well to our Aztecs topic. The children will progress to writing extended pieces in different styles and consider the impact of the way in which they organise their writing. Weekly themes will include narrative and poems as well as non-fictional work.

Mathematics will be taught through a range of practical activities, songs, rhymes and games as well as individual workbooks. It will involve written and mental number work, money, shape and data handling.

During this term we will also be finding out about and locating countries in North and South America, looking at states of matter and creating our own wiki's based on what we learn about the Aztecs. We will also be investigating water cycles and presenting the weather! British values will also be taught through the entire curriculum, encouraging tolerance, respect and an understanding of the rights and responsibilities of both ourselves and others.

I am looking forward to meeting you all over the course of the next few weeks, but if you have any problems or queries please do come in and speak to either myself or Mrs Stokes.

Yours sincerely,

Miss J Tierney

