

Asfordby Hill Primary School

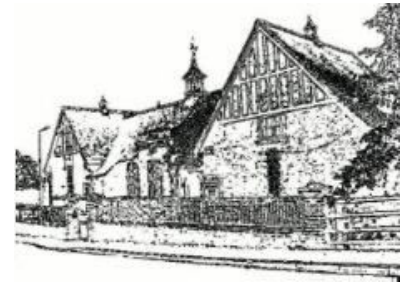
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Dear Parents,

Firstly, I would like to say thank you for all of your support during the Autumn Term. I hope you all had an enjoyable break and that your child is well-rested and ready to begin the Spring Term. The children all adapted brilliantly to the changes that we made back in August. We will continue to stick to that new routine upon our return in January to provide the children with as much continuity as possible. As before the break, please contact me through Seesaw as soon as possible if your child needs to self-isolate. I will then ensure that remote learning is provided through Seesaw and Teams.

In English this term, as we did during the Autumn term, we will be focusing on developing the children's writing using quality texts such as *The Princess and the Pea* and *The Iron Man* as well as high-quality non-fiction texts. We will continue to build accurately constructed sentences using a variety of high level vocabulary, writing for an identified purpose. Reading is a great way for children to be immersed in vocabulary and to explore expertly crafted sentences. Ten minutes a day devoted to reading at home can have a large impact on their writing abilities. Please continue do all you can to ensure your child is having their 10 minutes a day – the impact of regular reading has clearly been significant over the past few months. This term, we will continue the book raffle. Children will receive a raffle ticket for each time an entry is recorded in their reading record, providing them with the chance to win a brand-new book of their choosing.

In maths, we will initially be focusing on multiplication and division; equipping children with confidence when calculating in a variety of ways; both written and mentally. Times tables will be fundamental during this unit of learning to ensure that the children can calculate simple multiplication and division questions efficiently. Following this, we will be spending some time focusing on fractions and decimals.

Beech class will be continuing to deepen their understanding of what it means to be British and our associated values. The core values that we will be exploring, through the curriculum and class assemblies are *democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance* for those of differing faiths. We will be looking closely at what each one of these statements means and how it applies to the children and their lives. We will also be comparing and contrasting how modern governments have stemmed from the ideas and actions of Key figures in Britain's past, specifically Richard III.



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The grid below indicates all other subjects for the Spring term in Year 4.

Subject	Spring 1 st half term	Spring 2 nd half term
Science	<i>Listen Up! Sound</i>	<i>Help Our Habitats-Dangers to Living Things- plants and animals</i>
Geography	<i>Rivers and the Water Cycle-The Nile/The Eye</i>	
History		<i>Richard III- Friend or Foe?</i>
PE	<i>Tag Rugby Gymnastics</i>	<i>Tennis Gymnastics</i>
French	<i>Ma Famille</i>	
RE	<i>Why do people pray?</i>	
Computing	<i>Website design</i>	<i>HTML</i>
Art	<i>Painting using water to create art and the water cycle. Monet.</i>	<i>Drawing landscapes animal habitats.</i>
Music	<i>Recorder Playing and composition</i>	
PSHE	<i>Economic Wellbeing and Financial Capability</i>	<i>Myself and my relationships</i>

PE will continue to be taught weekly on **Thursdays and Fridays**. To limit the number of belongings in school, on both these days the children should come to school in their PE kits. PE will often take place on the field so please ensure that footwear/ clothing is suitable.

Seesaw - we will be continuing to use seesaw to support and build on the children's learning and celebrate achievements. You will be able to comment and support with your child's progress through this media. The children love to see your comments from home when they complete their work so please keep up the positive responses if you can.

Spellings- All children in Beech class have a spelling shed log in. The activities and games on the Spelling Shed app/ website are really useful for embedding spelling patterns and knowledge. Each week, I will assign their spellings to their online account as well as sticking them into their spelling book for their use in school. Spelling books will not be brought home. Spellings will be tested in class every Wednesday and you will be able to see your child's result on Seesaw. We will also have weekly spelling lessons in class. Please be aware that spellings may vary from child to child.

Times tables- All children in Beech class are working incredibly hard on their times tables to improve their fluency. Our aim is for the children to be able to answer questions up to 12x12 in under 6 seconds per question. I highly recommend using the Sound Check feature on Times Tables Rockstars for practicing this skill. Daily 10 is another really useful online tool.

If you have any queries or worries at all, please do contact the office or send a message via Seesaw. I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Kind regards,

Mrs Smalley