

BEECH CLASS NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had a fantastic summer in spite of the terrible weather! Typical that the nicest weather was in the first week back in school!

The children have now settled in to Year 5 and as I knew they would they have come back with a superb attitude and are all working hard. In this newsletter I will update you on what the children will be learning this term and any other information that I feel you may need.

If you have any questions or would like to speak to me about anything please do not hesitate to contact me on the class email beech@brookfieldpark.lancs.sch

Curriculum for this term

Maths – Place Value, Addition and Subtraction, Multiplication and Division

English- Leon and The place between (story as a theme), Myths and Legends

History- Ancient Greece

Geography- South America and The Rainforest

Science- Forces, Properties of Materials

Art – Drawing, Painting, Sculpture – POP ART, Ancient Greeks

PE – Invasion Games

We will also be covering Music, Spanish and D and T

P.E

Our P.E days are Thursday and Friday. This term they will be focussing on Invasion Games. Children in Year 5 will also begin swimming lessons this term. Currently our Year 6 are swimming and I will inform you when swimming will commence as soon as I know.

Please can you ensure that the children have their PE kits in school on both PE days. With us heading in to Autumn and the weather getting colder please also provide them with some plain black jogging bottoms for colder weather.

Snack

Children may bring in to school a cereal bar or piece of fruit for morning break snack. If they wish to buy snack from me it will be 20p a day or £1 for the full week.

Homework

In Year 5, homework is given out on a Monday. The children will be given weekly spellings to learn and they will be expected to practice these every night – and have one practice test at home also at some point throughout the week. They will also be expected to write a sentence for each spelling. I will also send home a Maths sheet weekly for them to practice their problem solving and reasoning skills.

I have also set them all up on Times tables Rockstars. The password has been stuck in to their homework books and they will be expected to complete 10 mins on the Studio section per night. They are currently working on 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

They will also shortly be bringing home reading books. They will have a reading book which they read to you linked to their reading level, and also a book which they have chosen to read for pleasure which they can share with an adult at home. **It is important that they are reading regularly at home.**

Bikeability

Year 5 will also be taking part in bikeability sessions. These were due to take place this week but I have had to rearrange and will let you know the new date as soon as I can.

Communication

At Brookfield Park we believe that good communication with parents is important. Staff will use teachers to parents to email or send a text to inform you about anything you may need to know.

Should you wish to speak to your child's class teacher, we ask that you use the class email to contact them (beech@brookfieldpark.lancs.sch.uk). I am sure you appreciate that it is difficult for class teachers to speak to parents at the beginning and the end of the day as in the morning they will be in class preparing and when they are dismissing their classes after school they need to ensure that all children have left safely and often have meetings to get to. You can give a message to the staff member on the door if you like and this will be passed to the class teacher or you can email to make an appointment if you wish to speak to them face to face.

Please also be aware that class teachers may not respond to emails straight away. Staff will not respond to emails after 5pm or on a weekend but they will respond to you as soon as possible.

At Brookfield Park Primary we pride ourselves on building positive relationships with parents and we ask that you speak to staff in a courteous and respectful way.

Thank you for your continuing support

Mrs Johanson