



Class: Beech Class
Term: Autumn 1

Key dates: Look out for our tapestry and phonics workshops.

All About Me

This half term we will be focusing on ourselves and what makes us special. We will look at our families and homes and discuss the things we like to do. Each week we will be drawing, painting, making things and writing all about ourselves and our families and discussing our thoughts together as a class. The children will be working on using sentences to explain their thoughts clearly to each other.

Festivals this half term: We will be looking at Autumn in the final week of term and discussing Harvest and Halloween.

Reading

We will begin our phonics lessons in week three of this half term. We follow the Little Wandle phonics scheme which guides children through each sound in depth and helps to support their reading skills. Please look out for more information about this.

Maths

In maths, we will be following patterns, counting to 5 and identifying shapes and colours.

Writing We will be using playdough to strengthen our fingers and tripod grip. We will also practise our handwriting by creating different patterns using sand, pens and pencils.

Forest School/outdoor learning

Forest school will take place every Friday morning whatever the weather! Please make sure your children come with **wellies, coats and hats and gloves (when necessary)**. This is an important lesson and gives the children time and space to explore and experiment in the outdoors. They will be making things and learning about the environment all year round.

PE Days: Friday

Note: Please ensure children bring in PE kits. These can be left on their pegs.

All About Me: me, my family and my home.



Understanding the World

This half term we will be focusing on ourselves and what we look like. We will be looking at the names of our body parts (arms/legs/hands/eyes/ nose etc) and we will be talking about keeping our bodies, teeth and minds healthy. We will create self-portraits, measure ourselves and try out different activities like yoga and dancing.

Home Learning Expectations

Reading:

You will receive two books a week.

1-Phonics book: Home on Wednesday and returned on Monday.

2-Free choice book: Home on Friday and returned on Wednesday.

Phonics:

You will also receive a weekly phonics revision sheet which will cover everything we have done in class. Please have a look through these with your children.

Other:

There will occasionally be other tasks for the children to do (searching for leaves/drawing pictures etc)

Please bring in any Autumn leaves, conkers, acorns or other things you find when exploring at home.