

# BEECH CLASS NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2017

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## Hello!

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school and see them settle back so well to school life.

If I haven't already met you, please come and introduce yourself to me before or after school outside the classroom.

## Routines

**PE-** Please make sure that children bring a full PE kit in at the beginning of the week and kept it on their pegs so that it is available each day. Please make sure that everything is named! All Year 4 children swim on Friday mornings so please ensure that swimming kit is brought in on these days.

**Home/School Planner-** Your child has been given a planner that also acts as a reading record for the times when they read to you at home. There is also room to send messages to and from school so please check your child's planner regularly. They need to have it in school with them each day. Weekly spelling lists and tests are also recorded here.

**Water bottles-** Please send your child with a named water bottle. It is important that they remain hydrated throughout the day. Only water is allowed in class.

## Homework Arrangements

**Homework-** When appropriate, homework will be given out on a **Friday** and due back on the following **Wednesday**. This will usually be online via Mathletics and SPAG.com and will be linked to what we have been learning in class.

**Reading-** The Beech Class expectation is that children read aloud to an adult at least 3 times per week. Our reading challenge aim is to get at least 100 reads this year so please sign planners every time your child reads!

**Spellings-** These are sent home weekly. This year, we have timetabled this for **Monday**. The first test will be Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September.

**Times tables-** the National Curriculum expects all children to know all their times tables by the end of Year 4. Each week, your child will be tested on single/mixed times tables. You can help your child by practising little and often at home which will help them to recall these facts quickly.

**Topic-** Special topic homework tasks are spread out throughout the year and usually contain an element of English.

With this newsletter, I am attaching a summary of our Class Topic for Autumn Term –  
**Where does Water come from?**

Best wishes, Mrs McKenzie

