



Beechwood
JUNIOR SCHOOL

Together we can!



Dear parents,

Firstly, a very Happy New Year to you all. We hope you all managed to have a nice winter break despite the ongoing Covid-19 issues and all had a healthy and happy Christmas. We really enjoyed the build up to Christmas at school and although things were a little different it was wonderful to hear all the children singing again and to enjoy the fun of Christmas jumper day, Christmas lunch and the Christingle.

We are ready and excited to start 2022 will be raring to go with our new spring learning. Before half term we will be studying a new Geography unit based all around Mountains and their impact on where and how we live. After half term, we will be returning to history where we are going to be learning about the world of the Vikings and whether they were raiders or settlers. We are also really excited about our new Science unit which is all about Living Things with a focus on animals. If you would like to know more about what we will be learning in school this term we now have our Curriculum Maps on the school website.

<https://beechwoodjuniorschool.co.uk/curriculum-maps/>

A change this term is that we are also going to be doing two PE lessons a week (one indoor and one outdoor). Year 4's outdoor PE will be on a Thursday (please ensure your children dress for the cold) and indoor PE will on a Friday. On both of these days please send your child to school in their school PE kit.

We are starting our new Behaviour Policy and we are really excited to start supporting children to earn the Beechwood Stickers and house points. We know how important being the winning house is to everyone (including staff) each week. As well as this, we are still using Marvellous Me and we will be sending home activities letting you know what we have been doing.

With regards to what you can do at home, it would be really beneficial if you could practice the skills in the Maths Sheriff and Maths Magician booklets with your children. In school, we are really pushing Maths Sheriff and supporting the children to earn those badges as this will really help with their mental arithmetic skills and build their confidence. We are also continuing to focus on our fluency in reading with our Reading Rangers scheme. The children need to read their book to an adult 3 times a week for 10 minutes to be a green reader. Below is the topic home work for this term. We cannot wait to see what exciting projects the children produce from it. We do not mind how this work is presented- it can be a presentation, a letter, a recorded video, sculpture, model or a piece of artwork.

If you have any questions please contact your child's class teacher and thank you for your ongoing support.

Best wishes,

Sam James

Year 4 Leader

Year 4 Spring 1 Topic Homework – Due in Monday 7th February

Mathematician Study

Fibonacci



You could research:

- Who he was and his life
- Why he is famous
- What did Fibonacci believe?
- What is the Fibonacci Sequence?

Year 6 Spring 2 Topic Homework – Due in Monday 21st March

Artist (Abstract) Study

Piet Mondrian



You could research:

- Who he was and his life
- Why he is an important artist
- What his different art pieces are and what they mean
- What makes his art different?

You could recreate one of his pieces of art or use him as inspiration for your own

