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Beech Class Beech Class

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back everyone - we hope you all had a lovely summer!

For our first topic in Beech class, we will be looking at significant people with a focus on Rosa Parks. We will start our unit by talking about what a significant person is and what values set them apart from ordinary people. We will do this by looking at our own lives and the significant people in them before moving onto various historical figures. By then end of this unit the children should be able to speak about a few important people in history and have a good understanding of what makes a person significant.

In **English** we will read various books over the course of each week in order to embed a joy for reading and storytelling. We will use the book 'Rosa Parks-Little People, Big Dreams' as our class novel which we will read in depth to help us understand the life of Rosa Parks. Year 1 will be consolidating their understanding of sentence writing as they work towards writing a diary entry. Year 2 will also be writing a diary entry but we will be looking to extend their sentences and uplevel them by using various subordinating conjunctions.

Both Year 1 and Year 2 will be having daily phonics lessons this half term. Year 1 will begin learning new sounds from Phase 5 whereas Year 2 will be consolidating learning from Phase 5 before learning new spelling rules for adding suffixes and prefixes to words.

In **Maths** we will be looking in detail at place value, addition and subtraction. Year 1 will be using their knowledge up to 10: comparing and ordering numbers, counting one more and one less, using number bonds and finding fact families. Year 2 will be: recognising; counting and partitioning up to 100; investigating tens and ones on a place value chart and counting in 2s, 3s,

5s and 10s. They will also be: using their number bonds to ten to count up to 100; using number bonds when adding to multiples of tens and adding across 10.

In **Science** this half term, we will be learning about the four seasons and understanding the changes in weather as well as changes in length of daylight. We will also research the polar scientist Prem Singh Gill. After half term, we will be learning about the human body: the five senses; the basic needs of animals and humans and the importance of a healthy diet and regular exercise. For this topic, we will research the scientist, Jane Goodall, who is an expert on chimpanzees.

In **Art**, we will look at David Hockney and his famous tree paintings. We will use these as inspiration as we explore different techniques for painting and creating texture. We have painting available each day for the children during playtime as well as independent learning time so that the children will be free to experiment with new techniques.

In **PSHE**, we will be talking about ourselves and our relationships. This links in nicely with our topic as we explore what characteristics we value in friends and why rules are important. We will discuss why we choose people as our friends and ways we are similar as well as different.

In **RE**, the children will begin learning about Christianity by looking at the creation story from the Bible. We will look at the wonder of nature which links to our Science topic. We will join in the celebration of Harvest Festival develop our sense of belonging at school.

In **Computing**, we will be learning how to open, edit and save files using Microsoft Word. We will learn about robots and coding using Scratch Jr. We will also look at animation.

In **Music**, we will be listening to 'Colonel Hathi's March' from The Jungle Book and learning about how instruments reflect the characters. We will explore percussion instruments and play them to help our marching! We will also listen to 'Aquarium' from Saint-Saëns and experiment with sounds to create aquarium inspired music. After half term, we will be listening to 'Peter and the Wolf' by Prokofiev and learn about how different elements of music can tell a story.

On Mondays, children will have their dance lessons, Tuesdays and Thursdays they will have P.E lessons and on Fridays they will have their forest sessions. They will also have a Philosophy for Children lesson with Connor on a Wednesday morning. Please ensure that children have their named wellies in school each day so they are ready for outdoor learning as well as Forest each week.

Please do look at our class page on the school website. Each week, we will share with you photos and information about our learning.

Please remember that regular daily reading is an essential part of home learning and really makes a difference across the curriculum.

It is proven that children's literacy skills are significantly boosted by being read to on a regular basis, so don't forget to keep those story times going!

We will be changing reading books over the course of the week, so please make sure your child's reading book and red reading/homework diary are in their bag each day.

Our early readers and writers still need to work on their phonic knowledge so please continue to support them at home - a good online resource is 'phonics play'.

We can send home lists of sounds on request.

Logins for TT Rockstars (Year 2's) and Seesaw will be in your child's red reading/homework diary.

We hope you find this information useful. We thank you in advance for your help in supporting your child so they can achieve their full potential. You are welcome to pop in and speak to us if you have any questions or queries!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Samuels, Mrs Martin and Ms Bland

