

# Beech Class

## Autumn Newsletter 2025



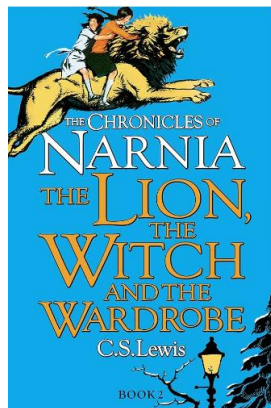
Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Beech class. We have had a busy start to the new term getting to know each other better and settling into our new classroom routines. The children have made a very positive start to the year and are enthusiastic and motivated for the challenges ahead.

In Beech class this year, Mrs Robinson will be teaching every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon, whilst Mrs Casey will teach every Wednesday morning, Thursday and Friday. Miss Mulvaney will be working along-side us to support the class every day. There is an exciting curriculum planned for this term around the theme of our big question, which for Autumn term is:



**'What is Britain's finest hour?'**

**English:** Last week we began working on the classic text 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' by C.S. Lewis. We will develop our own imaginary mythical creatures and write setting descriptions based on our reading. We will also develop our own narrative stories based on a new character entering a fantasy land. Later on in the term, we will be moving onto work based around the theme of legends. We will read examples of legends and discover what features you expect to see in them. The texts chosen have been carefully selected to engage the pupils and inspire some super writing from them.



**Maths:** We will continue to work on developing our maths skills using the Year 5 Maths No Problem scheme with place value being a big focus and comparing numbers up to one million to start us off. The children will, like last year, complete a two minute times table quiz and this will now take place once a week on a FRIDAY. They will work towards completing their certificates and receiving their special multiplication pencils in our celebration assembly. Please help your child to learn the facts they are currently working on at home, as it really does make such a difference to their mental ability and confidence in lessons in so many different aspects of Maths. We are starting again with 3x table facts to continue to build rapid recall. Last week they received a new multiplication book to help support them with practice for the quizzes. Doodle times tables is also a great resource and their password for this can be found at the back of their reading record.

Other areas of learning this term:

Science	RE	History	P.E
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Life Explorers- Human life cycle</li> <li>* Living things and their habitats</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Life as a journey/ Pilgrimage</li> <li>* Why do people of faith make pilgrimages?</li> <li>* Advent- how do Christians prepare for Christmas?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* World War 2 (focus on the Home Front)</li> </ul> <p>What was life like for people who lived through WW2?</p>	<p>PE days this term: Tuesday and Thursday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Fundamental Skills</li> <li>* Athletics with Chorley Sports Coach</li> </ul>
Art and Design	Design Technology	PSHCE	Computing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Drawing and painting skills</li> <li>* Artist study- Paul Nash</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Food technology- making pretzels</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* What makes up a person's identity?</li> <li>* How can we help in an accident/emergency?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Computing systems and networks</li> </ul>
	MFL- Spanish	Music	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Basic greetings</li> <li>* Numbers</li> <li>* Colours</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Musical History of the 'Modern Period' - through the decades</li> <li>* Ukuleles</li> </ul>	

Homework:

**Home reading:** (a target of 3x a week minimum) - Your child will have already brought home a home reader and their reading diary. Please could you encourage your child to read regularly at home and support them by recording in their reading diary and signing when they have read.

**Spellings:** Handed out on a Monday and due back in the **following Monday**.

**Maths:** Learning the times table they are working on in class. Doodle Times Tables and Doodle Maths to support (passwords in back of reading record). Times table books to be handed in completed (a page every week) **on a Thursday** ready for the quiz to take place on a Friday.

**Topic:** Beech class will be given some homework linked to our WW2 topic in the Autumn term. More information about this will follow nearer the time.

**Future events:**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October-** Beech class visiting Church (all welcome to attend)

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December-** Juniors class trip to Elf the Musical

We aim to update our dojo story and class page on the school website regularly, so keep your eyes peeled for photos and information of what the children have been working on in school. If you have any queries or questions, then please do not hesitate to send a message through Class Dojo (contact Mrs Robinson Mon-Wed/Mrs Casey Wed-Fri) or arrange an appointment via the office to speak with us. Thank you for your continued support.

**Mrs Robinson, Mrs Casey & Miss Mulvaney**

