

Beech Class

Autumn Newsletter 2026

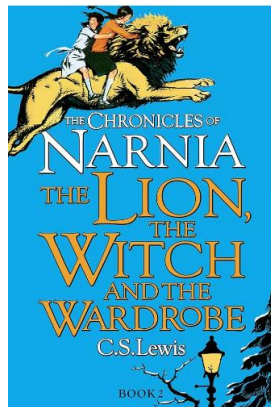


Welcome to Beech class. We have had a busy start to the new term getting to know each other better and settling into our new classroom routines. The children have made a very positive start to the year and are enthusiastic and motivated for the challenges ahead.

In Beech class this year, Mr Toquero (Mr T) 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 questions, which for Autumn term are:

'Where do you belong?'
'Is Legacy important?'

English: This 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. We have a new way of working on our times tables this year. Across the school every class will take part in a daily times table fluency session at the end of the day. Each session follows a structured system for teaching the multiplication and division facts ensuring children are taught efficient memory strategies and the development of strong associations between small sets of facts is embedded. More information about the daily fluency session will be given in our upcoming 'Welcome to Year 5' session. 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 10x table facts to continue to build rapid recall. 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
* Animals and Humans- The Circulatory System * Light	* How/Why do Christians read the Bible? * Why are scared texts so important to people of faith?	* How successful were the Romans? <i>The Roman Empire and the legacy they left behind</i>	PE days this term: Monday (outdoor) Thursday (indoor) Fundamental skills/Team Games
Art and Design	Design Technology	PSHCE	Computing
* Drawing and painting skills * Emotions- Self Portraits	* Design process (linked to Dyson) * Multiple cams	* Mental Health and well-being	* Variables in games * Systems and searching
	MFL- Spanish	Music	
	* Basic greetings * Pets	* Music Technology Then and Now * Composing their own project on Garage Band	

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 Friday and due in the following Wednesday. This will start next Friday.

Maths: Learning the times table they are working on in class (at the moment this is 10x) to have rapid recall. Doodle Times Tables and Doodle Maths to support (passwords in back of reading record).

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

Future events

Thursday 17th September at 3:25pm: Welcome to Year 5 Meeting

Wednesday 14th October: Beech class attending church

Thursday 12th November: UKS2 Roman trip to Chester

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. We look forward to hopefully seeing you soon at our 'Welcome to Year 5' meeting. Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Casey, Mr T & Miss Mulvaney

