FLOURISH FEDERATION

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Beech Class Autumn Term Curriculum Newsletter Friday 4th September 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have all had a restful and enjoyable summer! I am Miss K Delaney and Year 2 will also have Mrs Howe-Ward, Mrs Woodcock and Mrs Myhill supporting us all this year. The children have returned and are beginning to get used to the school routines again.

Please make sure that your child is prepared for all weathers and has a named coat. Can we also take this opportunity to remind you that children should bring a named drink bottle each day and that it should contain water, not juice.

Diary Dates:

- 1st Half-Term: Thursday 3rd September - Thursday 22nd October
- Tuesday 22nd September: Mobile Library visits begin weekly, **please remember to bring your library card and books to return**
- Thursday 24th September: Individual School Photos
- INSET DAY - Friday 23rd October
- 2nd Half-Term: Monday 2nd November - Friday 18th December

Homework

In Year 2, each week it is expected that:

- Your child reads for 10 minutes daily - please fill in the yellow reading record so we know what page they have read up to.
- Practises weekly spelling words -these match the words we are learning during our phonics and spelling lessons and will be sent home on Mondays.

Once a term:

- Practical Home Learning Activities organised into a grid - these are optional activities that your child may like to do. These will be stuck into your child's homework book by the end of next week and will last until the end of the term. The grid will be full of exciting and engaging challenges that either link to our learning this term or are age-appropriate life skills.

PE

PE will be every **Monday**, please ensure your child comes to school dressed in the correct PE uniform. ***(White t-shirt, blue or black shorts / jogging bottoms, navy PE hoody / jumper and trainers)*** Please ensure jewellery is removed and long hair tied up. No football t-shirts or other sporting kits should be worn.

Forest Friday

Welly Day, or 'Forest Friday' will be every Friday afternoon with Maple Class. **Children are expected to come to school wearing their PE kit:** ***jogging bottoms, navy PE hoody / jumper and trainers*** wearing additional layers underneath as required. Please make sure your child comes to school with a **waterproof coat**, and hat/ gloves as the weather gets colder. If your child has their own wellies or waterproof trousers that they wish to use, please send these in to be kept in school. We do have some spares available for those that need them. We will begin Forest Friday sessions on **18th September**.

Just One Norfolk

A reminder that justonenorfolk contains a wide range of information and support for families ranging from healthy eating, creating sleep routines, child development, family support, family break up and emotional needs to name but a few. https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/

If you need to contact us, please feel free to pass on a quick message at drop off or contact the office who will pass on a message which will then be responded to as soon as we are able to.

With best wishes,
Miss K Delaney, Mrs Howe-Ward, Mrs Myhill and Mrs Woodcock

Curriculum Map Autumn Term

Mathematics

Term 1

This term we will study place value and addition and subtraction. These are the foundation of all maths and will support us with all our learning going forward.

Vocabulary

Tens, ones, greatest, biggest, difference, addition, subtraction, more, less

Term 2

We will look at shapes. We will recap what we already know about shape and introduce some new vocabulary to describe shapes.

Vocabulary

2D shapes, 3D shapes, slides, vertices, symmetry, faces

English

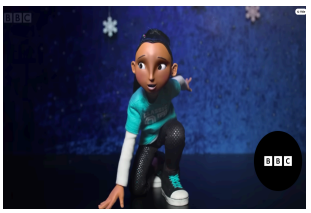
At the start of the term we will be recapping our sentence structure and grammar techniques to ensure our writing this year includes all the things needed to write a sentence. Next we will be learning to write descriptive sentences, leading to their own story with a twist based on a familiar tale. After, we will learn how to write a first person account of events as a character from 1666 during The Great Fire of London. In the lead up to Christmas, we will write descriptive stories based on a short BBC film called 'My Christmas Star.'

Vocabulary

capital letters, full-stops, exclamation marks, question marks, conjunctions, nouns, adjectives.







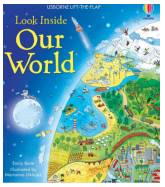
Geography

What are the continents and oceans of the world?

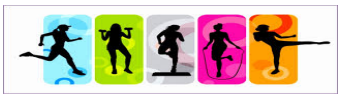
Children will explore the seven continents and the five oceans around the world.

Vocabulary

Continents, Oceans, Country, Earth, Globe.



PE



Term 1

Fundamentals - Ball Skills

Term 2

Team Building - Sending and Receiving.

RE

Theology

Why is light an important symbol for Christians Jews and Hindus?

Vocabulary

Christian, Jewish, Hindu

RE DAY

Why does Christmas matter to Christians?

Computing

Data & Information: Pictograms

Children will begin to understand what data means and how this can be collected in the form of a tally chart and pictogram.

Programming - Robot Algorithms

Learners will use given commands in different orders to investigate how the order affects the outcome. They will also learn about design in programming.

History

The Great Fire of London

Children will learn about when, how and why the Great Fire of London happened and then the changes it forced King Charles to put into action afterwards.

Vocabulary

Samuel Pepys, Parliament, fire, London, bakery.

Art and Design

Explore and Draw

Y2 will develop and explore observational drawing and experimental mark making. They will think about how they can use composition to create their artwork.

Vocabulary

colour, pattern, texture, line, shape, form and space, observe.

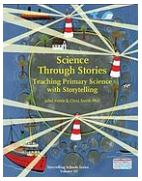
Science

Everyday materials

This term, Year 2 builds on their knowledge of everyday materials by carrying out experiments to classify and test the properties of the materials. They will ask questions about what they notice and begin to question the suitability of materials for particular purposes

Vocabulary

materials, flexible, rigid, transparent, translucent.



Design & Technology

Mechanisms

The class will learn about simple pulley systems. Then they will plan and design a pulley system recreating a burning 1666 London Tudor house.

Vocabulary

Pulley, mechanism, lift, Tudor house, axle, load.

Flourish Lessons (PSHE)

Term 1

Being Me In My World

'Who am I and how do I fit?'

Vocabulary

Hopes, fears, worries, belonging, responsibilities, righteous, rewards, consequences.

Term 2

Celebrating Difference

Respect for similarity and difference. Anti-bullying and being unique.

Vocabulary

Similarities, differences, stereotypes, bullying, unkind, feelings, fairness, stand up for.

Music

Term 1

Hands, Feet, Heart

This unit explores the South African style of music. The children will learn to move in time with the pulse of the music. There is a big emphasis on rehearsing and performing with others.

Vocabulary

Keyboard, drums, bass, electric guitar, pitch

Term 2

Ho Ho Ho Christmas!

Year 2 will explore music from Big Band, Motown, Elvis and freedom songs.

Vocabulary

Beat, rhythm, tempo, control.