



West Dean Church of England Primary School

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We do our best in all we do, with God's love.
'Love one another. As I have loved you, so must you love one another.'
John 13

Dear Beech class parents,



Firstly, we would like to say a HUGE thank you for your generosity for the gifts at the end of last term – we are always blown away by your generosity so thank you very much!

TOPIC

Our topic for the term is called "What a Sensation!" Our senses will be the main theme running through and linking our thinking together but we will be covering a wide range of learning under this umbrella. This will include learning about Sound in Science; Composing with Colour in Music; tastes and smells from around the world linked to cooking in DT; character descriptions and settings based on books written by Roald Dahl.



HOW YOU CAN HELP AT HOME

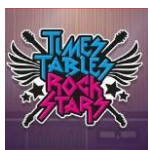


- ideally, this will happen at least 3 times and should be recorded at the back of your child's **purple journals**. After several different incentives for reading, we have returned to the awarding of DOJO points for reads completed at home.



- practise the list of spellings that will be written at the front of the purple journals. There will be 5 spelling groups and each group will be 'tested' and receive new spellings on different days – this will be written on the inside cover of the **purple journals**.

Maths Matters Challenges – every week your child will complete in school time, a challenge targeted individually to them. These are then stuck into their green MMC books which will come home with them every day. Please look at the challenge they are on and support them by looking again at the questions they have answered incorrectly.



– every child has a TT Rockstars login and password (written on the inside cover of their **purple journals**) this then gives them access and ability to practise their times tables. We will also be giving the children a weekly times table test to help with their rapid recall of these facts.

KIT AND EQUIPMENT

- PE kit is expected to be in school EVERYDAY! PE lessons will be on FRIDAYS (swimming is our other PE lesson on a Wednesday)
- Wellies are needed as well as tracksuit top and bottoms if your child wishes to play football at playtimes.
- **Purple journal for Spellings, Reading, logins and passwords – in school EVERYDAY!**
- Green MMC book – in school EVERYDAY!
- Please NO more pencil cases
- Water bottles are essential and can be refilled from the tap in the classroom.

ANYTHING ELSE...

We are pleased to let you know that this term Beech and Chestnut Class will be having swimming lessons at the Westgate Leisure Centre on a WEDNESDAY morning 9-9:30. Please drop your child/ren off between 8:35-8:45 at the Westgate. We will be talking to the children at length about this on Tuesday 10th January.



Mrs Plackett will continue to teach all day in Beech Class on a Monday, Mrs Johnson will teach Tuesday to Friday and Miss Evans will be our Teaching Assistant all day every day! Mr Johnson will also teach PE on a Friday afternoon.

If there is ever anything that you are not sure of, please do get in contact via the school office or grab one of us on the playground before/after school and we will be happy to help.

We are all looking forward to another great term together in Beech Class.

Best wishes,

Mrs Johnson, Mrs Plackett and Miss Evans