



# 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,

Happy New Year and welcome back! We hope that you all enjoyed a peaceful and fun Christmas, A huge thank you for your very generous Christmas gifts, these were extremely kind of you.

This term, Beech Class is exploring the theme of **"What is Success?"** Across our curriculum, we will reflect on what success means, how it is achieved, and its impact on different areas of life. In maths, we'll focus on key skills such as multiplication, division, fractions, and measurement, while in English, children will develop their writing through stories of success, recounts, and creative tasks like designing their own "recipe for success." Our studies will be enriched by a visit to Fishbourne Roman Palace, where we'll explore the success and legacy of the Roman Empire.

In science, children will investigate the properties of sound, how it is made, and how it travels. We will see our scientific learning come to life when we attend the classical music concert at the Festival Theatre. Following the concert, the children will design their own sound-making machines. In computing, we'll build programming skills by creating sequences of sounds, and in art, children will explore the concept of success and represent it visually through sculpture, drawing inspiration from Roman architecture and mosaics. Swimming lessons at Westgate will help develop confidence and water safety, while in French, children will expand their vocabulary to discuss food and create simple phrases.

We are excited to showcase the children's hard work and creativity this term through a special exhibition on **Thursday 13th February at the end of the school day**, where parents and carers will be invited to view their projects and celebrate their achievements. More details will follow closer to the date.

Please remember to record your children's reading in their purple books for which they will receive house points. We would love it if they can read at least three times per week. Please also ensure that children's purple books are in school EVERY day.

Thank you for your continued support. Do come and speak to one of us should you have any questions. We look forward to a fantastic term ahead!

Best wishes,

Mrs Pierron, Mrs Anstee and Miss Scott