



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

Beech Class – Spring 2024

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! We hope you have all had a super Christmas with some time for celebration as well as recuperation. We are very much looking forward to the new term with your brilliant children.



TOPIC

Our topic for the term is called **Be the Change**. It will centre around the book: The Boy at the back of the class. This book tells the story of a young refugee named Ahmet, who comes to the UK from Syria to escape war. We will explore themes of new beginnings, change, friendship and empathy. Our learning this term will have a geography emphasis with the study of a contrasting locality, as well as the studying of maps and atlases. We will also be exploring the idea of refugees through artwork and music. As we approach Easter, our learning will move on to the Ancient Egyptians. To give you all plenty of notice, we shall be having an **Egyptian Dress-Up Day** on **Tuesday 26th March**.

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**. Children will receive 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**.



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!**
- Water bottles are essential and can be refilled from the tap in the classroom.

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ANYTHING ELSE...

You will be aware 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**.

Mrs Anstee will teach Monday to Thursday with Mrs Bowman on a Friday. The children will be supported in class each day by Miss Evans and Miss Scott, who will be our Teaching Assistants 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 Anstee, Mrs Bowman, Miss Scott and Miss Evans