



Beechwood
JUNIOR SCHOOL

Together we can!



Dear Parents and Carers,

We're so pleased to welcome you and your children to our school, and hope you've had a fantastic summer break. We know that starting a new school can feel a bit overwhelming, so this Autumn term we will be focusing on helping your child feel happy, safe, and settled in their new environment. Over the coming weeks, they will learn new routines, as well as our HEART Values and school rules so they can start to become more independent in their learning.

Our Geography topic for the first half of the term is all about weather and climate - something we'll be looking at in lots of fun and practical ways. In Science, we're exploring forces, especially magnetism. The children will also be getting creative by making their own moving mechanisms like levers, flaps, and sliders - perfect for learning about pushes and pulls. In R.E., we'll be thinking about the idea of messages, and in PSHE, we'll be starting off by talking about families. After half term, we'll begin our History topic on Ancient Egypt, diving into everything from pyramids to the fascinating process of mummification.

Our PE days are Mondays and Wednesdays. On these days, children should come to school wearing their PE kit: a house-colour t-shirt, dark-coloured bottoms, and their regular school jumper or cardigan - not sports tops. If your child has long hair, please ensure it is tied back and if they wear earrings, these should be removed or covered on PE days.

To support your child at home, we would love for you to read with them as often as possible and record it using BOOM Reader, our reading log app. Log-in details will be sent home during the first week. We also encourage children to switch to the child profile on the app so they can begin logging their own reads - this helps promote independence.

In addition, we will be sending out logins to Times Tables Rockstars (TTRS). Times Tables Rock Stars is a fun and engaging online platform that helps children build speed and confidence with their times tables through interactive games and challenges. We set topic homework each term, which we do ask children to complete. These are then displayed outside of the hall for the school to enjoy.

Below is the topic homework tasks for this term. We cannot wait to see what exciting projects the children produce. We do not mind how this work is presented- it can be a presentation, a letter, a recorded video, sculpture, model or a piece of artwork. If you need to send in your homework please email the school using info@beechwoodjuniorschool.co.uk with your child's name and teacher as the subject.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's class teacher or Miss Coomber. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Best wishes,

The Year 3 Team

Mrs Knight (Henson Class Teacher and Year Leader), Mrs Butterworth (Coleman Class Teacher) and Mrs James (Armstrong Class Teacher)

Year 3 Autumn 1 Curriculum Homework – Due Monday 13th October

Science Study: Forces

You could create a project about:

- Different forces in action at home
- A particular force (e.g., gravity or magnetism)
- How forces work
- Forces in sport
- Mini experiments (similar to the car experiment we will do in class)
- Making rockets



You can find inspiration for experiments on science-sparks.com – just search for “What is a Force?”

Year 3 Autumn 2 Curriculum Homework – Due Monday 8th December

History Study: Ancient Egyptians

Choose an area of interest such as mummification, Egyptian gods, the discovery of Tutankhamun’s tomb, or pyramid building. Please bring in something to share—this could be a poster, PowerPoint, model, picture or even a story or poem. Useful resources include:

- BBC Bitesize: Ancient Egypt
- Ducksters: Ancient Egypt for Kids
- British Museum: Ancient Egypt



If you need any support to complete these projects, please don’t hesitate to ask - we’re always happy to help.