Welcome to Beech Class!

As you know your child's class teacher is Miss Doe. Mrs Wilkinson will support in Beech Class every morning and Mrs Wright will support in Beech Class both mornings and afternoons. Mrs Wilkinson will also teach in Beech Class on a Monday afternoon when Miss Doe is planning and preparing for our lessons.

Curriculum

Please look on our school website: www.st-jameslanehead.lancs.sch.uk to view our curriculum map and see what we will be learning about each term. If you do not have access to the internet then please see a member of the team.

PE

This term, Beech Class will have PE on a Wednesday (p.m) and Thursday (a.m). Please ensure that your child brings their PE kits to get changed into on these days. All pupils are expected to get changed in school unless there is a medical reason that prevents them from doing so. In such cases, this must be discussed with a member of the pastoral team.

PE kits must include a white top, navy bottoms, navy jacket/hoodie and a pair of trainers. PE sessions can take place indoors or outdoors so please ensure they are dressed suitably for the weather. Long hair must always be tied back and for safety reasons, no jewellery should be worn. Earrings must be taken out or covered with plasters.

Phonics and Reading

We carry out phonics sessions daily within our Read, Write, Inc sessions. We encourage the children to use their phonics in both their reading and their writing throughout the curriculum, to ensure that their knowledge is secure. Reading is a key priority for us as a school. We complete reading sessions daily where the children are given access to a variety of texts that match their reading ability. These texts will help them to embed the graphemes that they are learning within their phonics sessions.

Children will be provided with a home reading book and a reading journal. They will be introduced to these texts in school and will continue to read these at home to help them develop fluency within their reading. We encourage you to read with your child daily, just 10 minutes a day has a huge impact on your child's reading fluency and understanding. Please send your child's home reader and reading journal back into school every day so that they can be changed at the appropriate times.

To support your child's understanding, you can discuss the story events, characters or the facts and ask questions about what they have read. We will also be carrying out many activities in class linked to the effective vocabulary used by authors, discussing the effect this has on them as a reader. Talk to your child about the vocabulary used in the texts that you read with or to your child. Discussing the meaning of new vocabulary will help to extend their understanding further.

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Homework

Children will be given homework linked to the curriculum. Homework is an important part of your child's learning. Children will receive weekly homework. Homework will be sent out on Fridays and should be completed for the following Wednesday.

We hope your child will enjoy being a part of Beech Class and if you need clarification about anything please do not hesitate to ask.

Information can be viewed on our school website at www.st-jameslanehead.lancs.sch.uk. Please keep looking at our class page where our learning will be regularly updated!

Thank you for your support and cooperation,

The Beech Class Team

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