



## **Beech Class**

### **Summer Term 1 2022**

#### **Changes to class logistics**

After SATs week, we look forward to welcoming our Year 5s back into class full-time.



#### **How you can help**

Please make sure that your child comes to school with everything they need (a coat with a hood, water bottle, reading book/record, spelling book)

Please listen to your child read as often as possible and record in their reading record. Homework will still go out on a Friday to be returned the following Wednesday– please make sure they complete this.

Lastly, please make sure the children practise their skills on both Spelling Shed and TT Rockstars as often as possible. If you have an issue with computing equipment at home, please send me a Dojo message so that I can try to help.

#### **Topic: Gallery Rebels**

Our topic this term will have an art theme. We will be looking at significant artists and artistic movements. We will look at the impact of society on art. The skills we will be working on are drawing and painting.

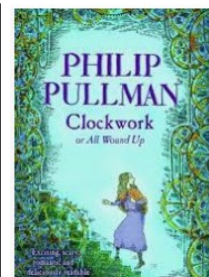
For our trip to 'The Box', please make sure that the children are in school on time as we will be leaving promptly and need to make sure the children are prepared. Children must wear their full school uniform.

#### **Swimming lessons**

All of Year 5 and 6 will have 2 weeks of daily swimming lessons (Monday 16th-Friday 27th May) aside from Thursday 26th when we have our school trip. The children will need to come prepared with their swimming clothes and towel, and children with long hair will need to have it tied up. Please make sure that costumes are appropriate for swimming.

#### **English**

This half-term, we will be studying Phillip Pullman's 'Clockwork'. We will work on retelling the story from another perspective. Grammar-wise, we will look at: speech marks, parenthesis, commas after fronted adverbials, parenthesis, and active & passive voice.



#### **Science**

The children are excited that we will be learning about 'Earth and space' in science this half-term.

#### **Upcoming dates**

- ◆ Thursday 5th May- Polling day. Please can Year 6 attend school until 12:15 on this day so that we can help them to prepare for the upcoming SATs tests
- ◆ Year 6 SATs week (WB 09-05-2022)
- ◆ Monday 16th-Friday 27th May)- daily swimming lessons at the Life Centre
- ◆ Thursday 26th May (break from swimming today)– Class trip to 'The Box' to work with an artist

### Year 6 SATs week

Our Year 6 class members will sit their SAT assessments Monday 9th—Thursday 12th May. The timetable is set by the government, and will be as follows:

**Monday:** Reading

**Tuesday:** Spelling, grammar and punctuation (This comprises of two tests. Test 1 is a mixture of all three aspects, and then test 2 is a 20 question spelling test)

**Wednesday:** Maths paper 1 (arithmetic) and maths paper 2 (reasoning)

**Thursday:** Maths paper 3 (reasoning)

We will be providing our Year 6 children with a free breakfast at 8:15am on each of these days and it would be wonderful to see as many of them there as possible. This will give them a chance to chill, eat some food, have a drink and chat with their friends before the tests. In previous years, this has been proven to be really beneficial as it calms any last minute nerves.

Please ensure that the children arrive punctually to school (whether they are joining us for breakfast or not). We need to start the tests on time, and it will be really unsettling for any latecomers to arrive after the tests have started.

Please help us at home by making sure the children get to sleep on time so that they are well-rested for the day ahead. They absolutely do not have to study in the evenings that week, but if they choose to do so, please find them a calm/quiet place to do so. Above all, we do not want the children to feel stressed about the tests. More than anything, a calm night the day before will help them to feel rested for the next day.

The children have worked so hard this year and we are incredibly proud of their stamina, resilience and dedication. No matter what the results of the tests, we know that they have done themselves proud and will set off to their secondary schools in good stead. When we consider that they missed so much school due to the lockdowns, what they have achieved is amazing. Well done, Year 6!