



# 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,

Welcome to Beech Class! We hope that you have had a lovely summer and were able to enjoy the fantastic British weather for a change!

Before we write anymore, we would like to say a HUGE thank you for your generosity for the gifts at the end of the Summer Term – we are always blown away by the thought and care that goes into them and last term was no exception – thank you very much!

## TOPICS

We have two main topics between now and Christmas –  
The Stone Age will be mainly taught through our Literacy and History lessons,  
whereas Electricity will be linked more to Science and DT.



## HOW YOU CAN HELP AT HOME

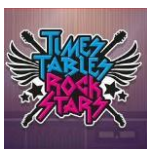


- ideally, this will happen at least 3 times and should be recorded at the back of your child's **purple journals**.



-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**.

**Maths Matters Challenges** – every week your child will complete in school time, a challenge targeted individually to them. These are then stuck into their green MMC books which will come home with them every day. Please look at the challenge they are on and support them by looking again at the questions they have answered incorrectly.



– every child will receive 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.

## KIT AND EQUIPMENT

- PE kit is expected to be in school EVERYDAY! PE lessons will be on WEDNESDAYS and FRIDAYS.
- Wellies will be needed when the weather turns and for Forest School along with tracksuit top and bottoms if your child wishes to play football at playtimes.
- **Purple journal for Spellings, Reading, logins and passwords – in school EVERYDAY!**
- Green MMC book – in school EVERYDAY!
- Pencil cases are optional but must be SMALL and equipment kept to a minimum please – we just don't have the space.
- Water bottles are essential and can be refilled from the tap in the classroom.

## GOOGLE CLASSROOM

Over the course of the year we are going to be using Google Classroom more and more. It would be really helpful if your child can be given time at home to practise using and navigating around this workspace. **We have invited all the children to join our new Beech Class 2022 Google Classroom so please logon as soon as you can (new class code - yz3bca3).** If you have forgotten logins or passwords please let me know and we can generate new ones. We will be teaching them how to navigate Google Classroom in school, so please don't worry if your child is unsure about this at the moment.

## ANYTHING ELSE...

We are pleased to let you know that this term Beech Class will be learning a woodwind instrument as a result of our links to West Sussex Music. There will be a specialist music teacher coming into our classroom once a week for 12 weeks (start date tbc).

Also it is our turn for Forest School! So each year group will have 6 weeks with Ms Boxall and Miss Evans on a TUESDAY afternoon. **Year 3 will start Forest School on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September** so please ensure they have a complete change of clothes suitable for Forest School – arms and legs covered, wellies and waterproofs.

Mrs Plackett will continue to teach all day in Beech Class on a Monday, Mrs Johnson will teach Tuesday to Friday and we are so pleased to welcome Miss Evans, who will be our Teaching Assistant 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 a great year together in Beech Class.

Best wishes,

Mrs Johnson, Mrs Plackett and Miss Evans