

Beech Green Primary School

"Believe Grow Persevere Succeed"

Newsletter for Thursday 4th February 2021

School to Home – Week 5



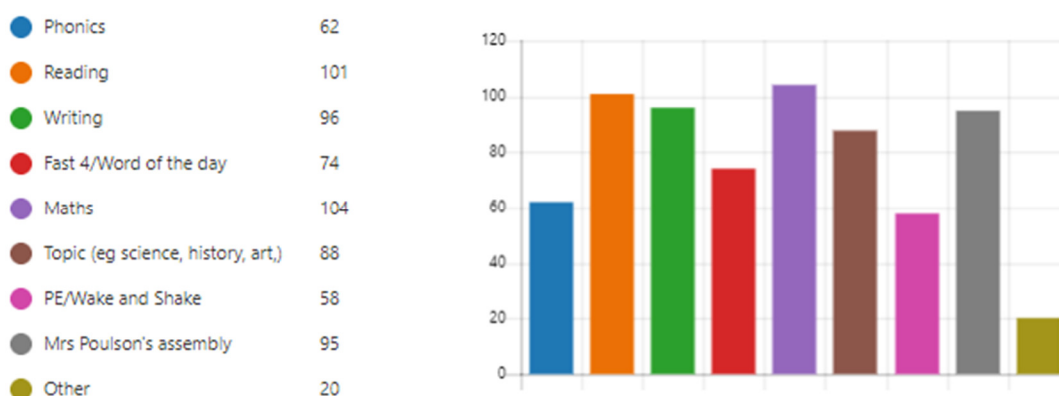
Dear Parents and Carers,

As we get to the end of term there is more cold weather forecast and perhaps snow. Children who have to attend will need warm clothes for the final week. The end of February is approximately the middle of the academic year and when we would usually reflect on what we've achieved so far.

Amazingly 107 families completed the Home Learning Survey, thank you for taking time out of your already busy lives to do this. We have identified small changes that we hope will make it a bit easier for you after half term, they are:

- Assignments scheduled for earlier in the day; any uncompleted ones will be left until Monday morning; so you can work at a different time if that's easier - no expectations from us though!
- All lesson titles will have the same format with a date
- Staff will be on camera at the start, please remember we record lots of lessons and it may not be your child's class teacher e.g. phonics
- You do not need to print anything, it can be very expensive and you shouldn't need to; if you have unresolved technical problems please let us know
- Well-being comes first, your child, family and your own health is important. Children will not fall behind, if they have missed a bit we'll catch them up when they return. Try not to compare yourself, we are all coping with this in our own way and it is good enough.

We are so pleased that 100% of the families who completed the survey have been able to access everything, if you're still struggling let us know. This is what you said:



Knowing that all the hard work is appreciated means a lot. We all love working at Beech Green and want to do our best for our children and community; your comments are kind and generous, thank you.

Mrs Julie Poulson - Headteacher

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Our Thoughts Are With You

During our working week, we get to talk to many of our families and we understand that these can be tough and difficult times. If you are or have been unwell, have family members who are poorly or have been affected personally in any way, then please know we are all thinking of you.

Cheerful Photo of the Week Corner!

Sunset walking the dog. We really like this poignant photo of one of our Year 4 girls. Another on top of the world, well almost! Any more happy photos please, to admin@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk



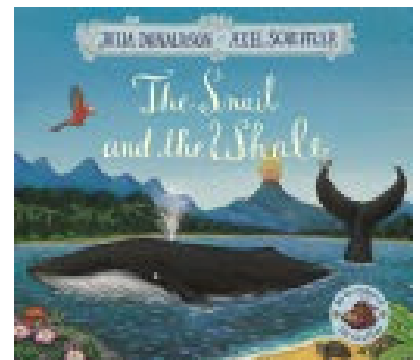
My Favourite Bed Time Story Corner!

Following on from our 'Cheerful photo of the Week Corner', for the next few weeks we are going to feature your children's choices for their bed time story. There is nothing better than the routine of bath time after tea/dinner, then pyjama's on to snuggle down with mum, dad or carer for a story or two before sleep.

Perhaps you've already made a simple reading corner at home. A cosy cushion or bean bag will suffice, next to a selection of books so that every child can choose what story they would like for bedtime. The little ones really enjoy 'reading' or following the pictures back to you, making up the story as they go, which sets a brilliant example for the children to continue with their love of a bedtime read. This will help them enormously to develop a love of books, which in turn will help no end with their understanding and enjoyment of learning, as they move through school.

Maybe your family all shares a set time for reading together, discussing the merits of your current book. Whilst we cannot go anywhere, you could run your own little book club. Please let us know of any good ideas you have; we will share some of the best in this corner of the newsletter.

If you or your child would like to recommend a favourite book, then please email the title and author to admin@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk. We look forward to hearing which books your child enjoys reading at bedtime.



Playful Childhoods – Top Tips for Parenting Playfully

Here are some top tips for parenting playfully: www.playfulchildhoods.wales

Let your child choose what they play, how they play and who they play with In their day-to-day lives, children get a lot of instruction from adults, so playing in their free time should be led by them.

Let your child solve their own problems Showing them the 'right way' to do something stops them from discovering things for themselves. They'll learn a lot more if they work it out.

Take a step back and keep an eye on your child from a distance They are more likely to play in their own way, and they will benefit from experimenting and experiencing things for themselves. They won't need a detailed plan of activities.

Let your child enjoy physical challenges like climbing trees or balancing on a wall Try not to be overprotective. The worst that can happen is usually a bump, a bruise or a scrape.

Give your child a few things to help them play in their own way All they need is a few toys, everyday household items, and play resources. Some of the things that will encourage them to be creative and use their imaginations are: • fabric • guttering • cardboard boxes and tubes • tyres • sticks • tarpaulins • string • rope.

Tuesday 9th February is Safer Internet Day

We truly hope that every day is safe internet day, although we would be naive to think that this is the case for all children. As we all know, this year is very different for our young people, whether they remain at school or are learning from home. During lockdown more young people will be accessing the internet to keep in touch with friends, complete online learning and play games.

Tuesday 9th February is Safer Internet Day, to set aside time to focus on checking all our families are working within safe parameters on their devices. In 'normal' times, Gloucestershire Constabulary would be able to attend schools to deliver presentations on staying safe online. Of course this year it is not possible to do this, so to help promote online safety and support Safer Internet Day, they have created some resources, which we would encourage all parents to please watch and discuss with their children. We really do want you all to be safe from the nasties we know go on out there.

Below are two short video message links from our Local Policing teams with some special guests. It gives a few tips and guidance on staying safe.

KS2 Safer Internet Day messages <https://we.tl/t-LHxoZHb7Kh>

KS1 Safer Internet Day messages <https://we.tl/t-ymSxNVBCHR>

Temporary Closure of Severn Vale Drive – Advance Notice

Highways Gloucestershire has informed us that Severn Vale Drive will be temporarily closed for carriageway resurfacing for approximately 17 Days (excl. weekends) between the hours of 09:30 to 15:30. The PLANNED start and end dates are currently Monday 22nd February to Tuesday 16th March 2021. The works are planned to be completed in several phases in an attempt to minimise the impact. Access may be possible for residents at various times throughout the scheme, however there will be times where access for a specific section of the site will not be possible. We have been assured that pedestrian and emergency access (blue light services) will have access at all times.

September 2021 - Exciting news from Beech Green Nursery!

From talking to our families, we know that more parents are now working. We are delighted to let you know that from September 2021 we will be accepting the 30 hours funding entitlement (for those that qualify) as well as the universal 15 hours funding, that we do now. The 30 hours funded offer is for working families in England with 3 and 4 year-old children. Children are eligible from the term following their 3rd birthday until they reach compulsory school age and must have applied successfully for a 30 hours code via HMRC. Parents must be working and each earning at least £120 a week, but no more than £100,000 a year each. More information and details of how to apply can be found here:

https://www.glofamiliedirectory.org.uk/kb5/gloucs/glofamiliedirectory/service.page?id=AY7h_uqZkEU

We hope this will mean that it will be easier for our working families to stay with us for longer sessions and enjoy consistent high quality early years provision. We are in the early stages of planning at the moment but wanted to let you know, if you are thinking about an early years setting for your child. If you are already on our waiting list, we will be writing to you to let you know our plans. If you are interested in a place with us, please do get in touch and we will be happy to help. Unfortunately, due to the current Covid situation, we are not currently able to offer our normal open days.



We have made a virtual tour that you might find helpful to watch. Just scan the QR code.

If you have any questions, please do get in touch on 07725842309 or email us on info@beechgreennursery.co.uk. Our website also has lots of information that you might find helpful.

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