



## Year 4 Beech Class Curriculum Newsletter: Term 1

### Hello and welcome to Year 4!

We hope that you enjoyed the summer break and that children, and parents, are ready for a new school year. In Year 4 Beech Class, there are two teachers – Mrs Shinhmar will teach Monday-Wednesday and Mrs Wootton will teach Wednesday-Friday. The class Teaching Assistant is Mrs Welch, who we also say a big welcome to as she is new to Blackthorn.

### English:

In English, we will be studying the key texts of 'The Fox' and 'The Boat'. We will be creating our own character descriptions; writing diary entries as well as vivid setting descriptions. We will be focussing on using noun phrases and fronted adverbials to add interest to our sentences as well as using the correct punctuation. The children will also be using their inference skills and prediction skills, exploring author choice and have a heavy focus on new and extended vocabulary.

### Maths:

We have started the year by looking at place value and this will continue throughout the autumn term. In Year 4, we look at numbers up to and including 10,000 so we have begun with reading, writing, and understanding the value of each digit in these large numbers. This includes comparing and ordering numbers and rounding and estimating. It also involves reasoning, word problems as well as continuing to learn and practise our times tables facts.

### Other information:

- PE will take place on a Wednesday with Mr. Stevens, PE kit needs to be in school on this day. We will be going swimming this term, watch out for another letter about this.
- In History this term, we will be learning about the Vikings and the Anglo Saxons. In Science we are learning about solids, liquids and gasses.
- Homework will be issued online every Friday via Teams and expected to be completed by the following Thursday. We will remind children of their Microsoft passwords.

### Ways to help at home:

- Please listen to your child read each day. Every child has already been issued with a home a reading book.
- Support your child with learning their times tables up to their 12s. If they know them, start looking at division too.
- Support with homework.

