



**Midhurst C of E
Primary School**
LIFE IN ALL ITS FULLNESS

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Autumn 2024

Dear parents/guardians,

Welcome to Beech Class, the children have settled in well and already I am proud of all their hard work.

Below is a brief outline of our areas of study:

- **Science:** Electricity creating circuits including lights, switches and motors.
Sound exploring how sound travels and how the ear works.
- **Geography:** Rivers exploring local rivers and comparing them to larger rivers in the world.
- **History:** Anglo Saxons: The Anglo-Saxons were a group of people who settled in Britain between the 5th and 11th centuries. They had a major influence on British culture and society, and their legacy can still be seen in many aspects of modern British life.
- **Design Technology:** Electrical systems: simple circuits and switches.
- **Art:** Focus on the artist and sculpture Alberto Giacometti. Creating sculptures using Mod Roc.
- **Religious Education:** Hinduism and The Trinity.
- **Computing:** How to stay safe using online using the SMART rules.
Effective searching on the internet, hardware and artificial intelligence.
- **Music:** Mamma Mia, learning and performing music using glockenspiels, records and singing.
- **Physical Education:** Dance based on rivers and Basket Ball.
- **French,** Phonics and family.



In addition, maths and literacy lessons will be taught daily (linked to our topic work when appropriate).

Maths focus will be on: Autumn 1: Place value, addition and subtraction.

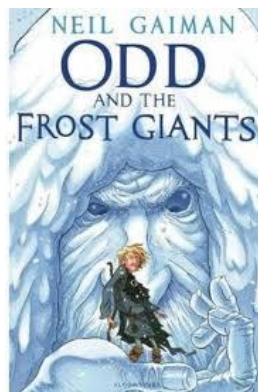
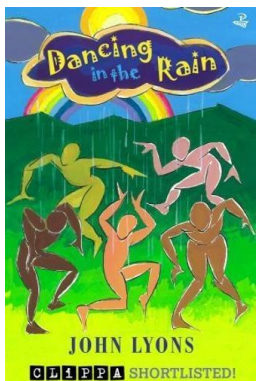
Autumn 2: Measurements area and multiplication and division.



The children will have regular reading sessions, as well as other opportunities to practise reading skills by reading to adults in school.

When you hear your child read at home, please remember to write in the red log book. They will then get stickers and points towards golden time. I have also asked the children to write in their log book if they read to themselves at home. Please encourage your child to read everything around them. Road signs, cookery books, comics, you can even put the text on your television. The more they read the broader their vocabulary.

Our class books this term will be *Dancing in the rain* by John Lyons, *Odd and the Frost Giants* by Neil Gaiman and *Howls Moving Castle* by Dianna Wynne Jones.



The children have a red homework book which is sent home on Friday. They have the spelling frame and Ttrockstars login for your child.

There will be spellings and times table to do each week. The homework book will need to be returned to school on Wednesday Morning.

Times tables will be tested on Wednesday and this will be a main focus this year as all year 4 children are required by the Government to a times tables check in June.

Spellings will be checked on Thursday and new spellings will be set on Friday.

This term the children will have two P.E. lessons per week. We will be having Aspire for P.E. on Wednesdays, Mondays PE will be taught by me. As per the guidance, children should be arriving at school on Monday and Wednesday already changed in suitable sports kit.

I am really happy for you to talk to me if you have any concerns or queries if you are not coming up to the playground and would like to speak to me please contact the office.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs K Griffiths.

