



# Beech Newsletter

## Autumn 2 Term 2023-24



### Upcoming Diary Dates:

Pumpkin carving entries—

31st October

Children in Need -

17th November

Christmas Light Walk -

7th December

Cromer Church Carol Service -

18th December

Christmas Dinner Day -

19th December

Last day of term—

20th December

(students leave at 1.30pm

Back to school (Spring Term)—

4th January 2024

### General Class News:

Pupils in Beech Class have settled well into the Autumn term. They have established good learning behaviours as they visit different classrooms for their lessons.

Beech Class have particularly enjoyed creating collages with natural materials collected from the woodlands during Outdoor sessions. Learning to play the recorder has been another highlight this half term.

In Strategy Time, we have been learning to tell the time (analogue and digital) and how to handle money, for example, working out the change from a £1/£2 coin. I would appreciate it if you could give your child the opportunity to practise these skills on a regular basis.

As the weather becomes more Autumnal, please ensure that your child is dressed for colder temperatures.



### Maths

Beech Class will continue looking at Place value, representing numbers up to 10000. Comparing, ordering, estimation and rounding. We will then move onto Addition and Subtraction working up to 4 digits. The final topic is Multiplication and Division; in particular, pupils will look at the 3, 6 and 9 times table and understand what a multiple is.



### English

We will be reading the book Private and Peaceful by Michael Morpurgo, working to understand the issues raised through war, relationships and status. Pupils will aim to recall events, understand genre and evaluate character through our writing and conversation. We will also recap techniques used to write persuasive text.

## RSHE

Pupil will look at the importance of rights and responsibilities in the context of school expectations and treating people with equity. The second unit 'The World I Live In' will concentrate on preparing for adulthood with skills such as finances and jobs.

## Science

We will continue to learn about the periodic table, with a focus on how the different elements can combine together to form compounds. We will then learn about what is needed for combustion and the products of it.

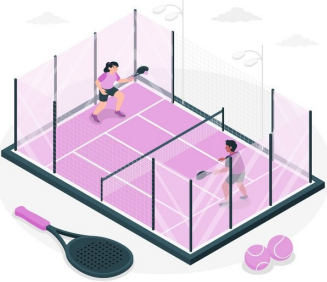
PERIODIC TABLE CHART

Atomic Number: 58, Symbol: Ce, Atomic Mass: 140.116, Name: Cerium

Legend:

- Alkali Metal (Red)
- Alkaline Earth (Orange)
- Transition Metal (Yellow)
- Basic Metal (Green)
- Nonmetal (Light Blue)
- Halogen (Dark Blue)
- Noble Gas (Purple)
- Lanthanide (Light Green)
- Actinide (Dark Green)

## PE



During this half term lessons will be moving into the gym where students will learn the basic skills of Basketball. We will be looking at dribbling, passing and shooting techniques. We will then look to put all these skills together and play a mini game following the rules. The other PE lesson will be from a local tennis coach and learning about the skills needed for indoor tennis.

## Other subjects:

**Outdoor Learning:** Pupils will study how the changing of the season and the approach of winter affects local flora and fauna as well as engaging in a variety of outdoor based skills around the school grounds.

**Drama** (Mrs Harvey): Pupils will learn about the four basic skills needed to make an effective freeze frame, as well as developing their knowledge of role-play, physical theatre and the use of location, scenario and characters to develop short scenes.

**Food Tech:** Pupils will begin to cook a range of recipes requiring a wide variety of culinary skills and using a more varied range of ingredients

## Any other useful information

### Great websites that support learning in class:

**Time**—<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?q=time>

**Timetables** — <https://www.timestables.co.uk/>

**CBBC Newsround**—<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround>

**Draw and colour**—<http://www.unclefred.com/index.html>