



St Faith's C.E. Primary School

Parent Information 2016-2017

Class: Beech

Overview of topics for the year:

Autumn

- World environments/Mountains and Rivers
- Living things and their habitats

Spring

- Mayans
- Evolution and Inheritance
- Animals including humans

Summer

- Ancient Greeks
- Electricity and Light

Planned visits for the year:

Beaulieu residential – September

London day trip – *Natural History Museum*

London trip (2) – *art museum and West End show*

Fairthorne Manor – *adventurous activities*

Ways in which you could help:

- Please could you always indicate if your child has had support with any pieces of homework. Encourage them to complete tasks in a quiet environment and to hand all homework in on time
- Please hear your child read aloud regularly - build in time to read to them and discuss the stories they are reading
- Nearer to testing in May, encourage your child to regularly practise their skills at home
- Come and support your child at the various in-school events throughout the year
- Help with lifts to sports events.

Snacks and water bottles:



Your child will need to bring in a **named water bottle** to school and take home each night to ensure they are kept hydrated throughout the day. The children may also bring in a **healthy snack** for morning break, which should be kept in their bags or lunchboxes in the cloakroom.

Staffing information:

Monday – Miss John (mental maths and mathematical problem solving, spellings, book share and Science)

Mrs Brannigan (French)

Tuesday – Mrs Hanson

Wednesday – Mrs Hanson

Thursday – Mrs Hanson

Friday am- Mrs Hanson

Friday pm- Sports coaching/ Mrs Harding (music)

Homework routines:

It is of upmost importance that your child gets into good routines with their homework this year, in order that they are able to cope with the large amounts they will receive at secondary school.

In addition to daily home reading and times tables practice, your child will have at least one piece of **Numeracy homework** and one piece of **Literacy homework** which are sent home on **Thursdays**. This should be **handed back by the following Thursday** or earlier in the week- once completed.

Your child will also have a **yellow spelling homework book** which is **sent home each day**, with the new spelling list for the week stuck in. Over the week, children complete four activities from the list in the front of their books. **These need to be handed in for marking every day**. Spellings will be tested on a Friday.

Children are to use blue pen for Literacy homework and pencil for Maths Homework.

Please could you also ensure that your child has access to a dictionary and thesaurus at home as this will be needed for some homework.

Your child has a homework diary this year which will contain quick notes and anything they need to remember to do or collect from home. They are **also required to show evidence of the reading practise they do at home** – it would be appreciated if you could verify this by initialling when you **hear them read** at least 2 times per week- thank you.

I will start to discuss the new test formats and expectations with the children in the Spring Term. We found last year's tests to be much more rigorous than the previous SATs. Your child's progress and predicted outcomes will be discussed at the Spring parents consultations. Parents will also have the opportunity to purchase relevant study guides this term.

PE days and required kit:



Wednesday – indoor kit gym/dance

Friday – outdoor games kit (track suits can be worn in colder weather)

All kits clearly labelled please

An art overall/ shirt with long sleeves is needed for painting/craft (should cover uniform as much as possible).