

P.E.

Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school everyday. All children need shorts ,a t-shirt and a pair of P.E.pumps. (Trainers cannot be worn in the school hall, unless they have non-marking soles.)

Please note that P.E. will be on a Wednesday afternoon and a Friday afternoon.



Important Dates

- Milliken Enterprise – week beginning 8th September 2025
- Half Term Friday 27th October– 31st October 2025.
- Willersley Castle 6th Oct – 10th October. (Y6 Children)
- Parent Conferences – 20th October & 22nd October 2025
- 31st October 2025 - deadline for Secondary School Admissions (Y6 Children)

General Information

- Homework is set on a Friday and should be completed and re-turned by the following Friday.
- Spellings are handed out on Friday and will be tested the following Friday.
- All newsletters can be accessed on the school web-site.
- Look at the class web page for regular updates. (Kestrels)
- Please ensure that you keep the office up-to-date with your contact numbers and inform them immediately of any change.



Beech Hill Community Primary School



POCKET PLAN FOR PARENTS

Autumn 1 2025

Year 5 &
Year 6

Kestrels

Literacy

At the start of the term, the children will be focusing on an animation called 'Alma' and will produce descriptive writing focusing on the characters and setting.

Later this half term we will be reading 'Wonder' by R.J.Palacio. We will be focusing on Note - Taking, Role - Play, Story mapping, Debate and Argument, letter writing and diary entries based on the book.

Maths

This term the focus will be :

- Place Value
- Basic Arithmetic Skills— addition, subtraction, multiplication & division.

Problem solving and reasoning will be a feature in every lesson to encourage children to apply their skills.

Please note a rapid recall of the times table facts is key to all learning in maths & children are expected to access Timetables Rock-Stars daily.

Guided Reading

During guided reading sessions we will be supporting the children to gain a deeper understanding of the texts they read. In school we will focus on Vocabulary, Inference, Prediction, Explanation, Retrieval and Summaries (VIPERS.)

It is still very important to listen to your child read even though they may be a competent reader; as studies show that a child who reads regularly to an adult make more progress than those who don't.

You can help your child at home by asking questions such as:

- Why do you think _____?
- How do you know that _____?
- How do you feel about _____?
- Can you find words in the text that are similar in meaning to _____?

Reading books can be changed as soon as Home/School Journals are signed. Please ensure that your children are reading most nights and their diaries are signed by an adult.

Topic Overview

Autumn 1— This half term the focus will be on Art and we will be looking at a painting 'And when did you last see your father' by William Frederick Yeames . In Science we will be looking at the circulatory system. During history we will be investigating medicine throughout time.

Autumn 2— This half term we will be studying Volcanoes in Geography and in D.T Modelling and communicating ideas: Using computer aided design generate innovative ideas in context based on research of a product, drawing on existing techniques. In Science we will be looking at Light and devising our own investigations.

R.E.

In R.E we will be focusing on the Church and Christianity. Next half term it will be Buddhism

Spanish

This half term the children will be continuing to learn about 'ourselves' and will be able to have conversations in Spanish and will begin to write the phrases down.