

Spring 1 - Beech

Welcome back to Beech class. I hope you've all had a wonderful break and enjoyed your time off from school. But now we're back with a bang! We have just six weeks of fun learning ahead of us.

This half term sees us focus on the Maya. We will be finding out how and why they settled where they did and all about their lives, achievements, trade (particularly, the history of chocolate). As always, we will be linking our themes in with our literacy where we will be studying the story of 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'. This all links in brilliantly for our trip to 'Cadbury's World' in Birmingham. There, the children can deepen their understanding of the Maya, as well as develop knowledge of the journey of the cocoa bean. A separate letter has been sent home for this.

If you have any queries or concerns over this next half term – please do come in to see me.

Mrs Searle



NOTICES

PE

PE will continue to be on a **Wednesday** and **Thursday**. PE kit is expected for every lesson as follows; The Lacewood PE t-shirt and black bottoms. **Many PE sessions will be taking place outside. Please make sure you have your trainers and warm clothing.**

Water bottles

There have been an increasing number of children coming to school without a water bottle. It is a known fact that keeping hydrated helps us think more clearly. Please ensure your child has a bottle of water for the classroom **everyday**. We keep ourselves very active during lessons and playtimes and therefore need to keep hydrated. Keeping hydrated combats fatigue. This tiredness will impair your child's attention span, memory and motor skills, all of which will negatively impact on your child's learning.

A world of pure imagination

Literacy : Setting descriptions and persuasive advert

Numeracy: Multiplication, division and Fractions

Science: Forces

Computing: Lego We Do

Art: Frida Kahlo

French: At the market – fruits, vegetables and numbers

History: The Maya

Music: South and West African Music

PE: Gymnastics and basketball

PSHE: living in the wider world

RE: Why are some people special?

