

## 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.) Please note that P.E. will be on a Thursday afternoon.

Swimming will be every Wednesday please ensure that your child brings their swimming kit with them every week.



## Important Dates

- 16th September—Medical Scientist in school to talk to children.

## General Information

- Homework is set on a Friday and should be completed and returned by the following Wednesday.
- Spellings are handed out on Mondays and will be tested on Friday.
- The class twitter account is BHCohort1415 if you haven't already signed up, please do so.
- All newsletters can be accessed on the school web-site.
- Look at the class web page for regular updates. (Kestrels)

## Philosophy for Children

Through the Big Questions that we explore we will be learning to become 'critical thinkers.' At the heart of philosophical discussion is the skill of giving reasons for answers so we will be encouraging children to justify their likes, dislikes and opinions in response to questions.

# Beech Hill Community Primary School



## POCKET PLAN FOR PARENTS

Autumn 2019

Year 5

Kestrels

Topics this term:

- **Ready To Learn**
- **Evolution Erupts**

## Literacy

This half term we will be reading 'Last Wild' by Piers Torday. We will be focussing on the description of characters and settings, creating newspaper reports, letters and diary entries based on events/ themes in the book. Next half term the focus will be on 'Skellig'.

## 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 Rockstars 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— Ready To Learn

The focus will be on our bodies and the changes in medicine over time.

Autumn 2—Evolution Erupts

The focus will be on the theories of evolution and volcanoes and earthquakes.

Please look at the knowledge organisers on the class web page for a full breakdown of each subject.

## R.E.

In R.E we will be focussing on how to develop a 'fairer world' and next half term the focus will be on Hinduism

## 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.