



A warm welcome to Year 2! I hope you all had a relaxing summer break and are ready to embrace the new school year. I am looking forward to working with you and your children and am thrilled about the year of learning ahead. You will be able to follow our time together on Instagram using #BrainyBeeches. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to me on the door.
Beeches Class teacher, Mr Tillier.



Welcome Back

ENGLISH

This half term will be filled with fun and exciting learning opportunities linked to our whole school topic, 'Traditional Tales'. We will focus on sentence structure and vocabulary choice as we retell 'Cinderella', first from a traditional perspective, and then from the perspective of the mouse. We will then also read and write a version of Mini Gray's 'Pea and the Princess', a twist on another classic. We will finish the term with our Black History Month focus text, Sulwe.

SCIENCE

Our science topic this term will be animals including humans. As part of this learning, children will be taught that offspring grow into adults. We will then learn about the basic needs of animals for survival. Later in the term, the children will learn to explain the importance of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene.



RE

In RE, we will start learning about Hinduism. We will discuss the beliefs that Hindus have about God and the key values that Hindus live by. We will learn about the story of Rama and Sita, and the festival of Diwali which honours them. Finally, we will learn about the Hindu place of worship, the Mandir.

MATHS

The children will continue to develop their knowledge and understanding of place value. They will be deepening their understanding of counting forwards and backwards, in 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s within 100. We will then move on to addition and subtraction, including looking at the inverse relationship between them. The children will continue to recall addition and subtraction facts to 20 fluently and use this knowledge to derive related facts.



GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY

This term in geography, we will be exploring the world's continents and oceans. We will learn their names and locations. We will also discuss the countries of the United Kingdom and their capital cities. In history, our topic will be the Great Fire of London. We will be focusing on what London was like in 1666 compared to now. We will also explore the causes of the fire and its impact on life then. Our art topic is also centred around depicting this event.

CLASS NOTICES



- Please ensure your child brings a labelled water bottle to school every day.
- Forest school is on Tuesdays.
- PE kits should be brought in on a Monday and remain in school until Friday.
- Reading books will all be changed as often as required. Please write in the reading records.

Trip: Tower of London – Thursday 23rd October