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Dear Parents,

Welcome back, we hope you had a brilliant summer holidays. Our topic for the first 2 weeks will be 'Brilliant Brave British Me'. We will be exploring British Values and all the routines of the classroom in an exciting way. Our topic will then be Once Upon A Time. We will explore different fairy tales, authors and stories.

Knowledge and Understanding of the World

DT – Great British Bake Off.

ICT – Programming leading to using Scratch.

Science – Exploring how to keep healthy and look after our bodies.

Geography – Learning the countries and seas in the UK.

History – Use a timetable to look at key events in British history.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

PSHE – New beginnings and exploring the routines of the classroom.

Pupil Voice – Learning the rules of circle time

Physical Development

Developing games and dance skills

Creative Development

Music – Singing British songs

Writing our own versions of songs

Art/DT – Exploring colour, painting and collage, colour wheel

Communication, Language and Literacy

Exploring Dr Seuss – author and different books

Writing character descriptions and responding to images.

Role play and writing fairytales.

Poetry – exploring rhyming word in Dr Seuss books

Problem Solving, Reasoning and Numeracy

Place Value

Addition and Subtraction

Shape and Pattern

2D/3D shapes and symmetry

Fractions, Sharing & Grouping

Fractions, Multiplication and Division

Home Learning – This term's home learning is to do a project about Great Britain. This can be done in any way the children would like. For example, they could do a poster, some writing, retelling a story, picture, PowerPoint or a model of a famous British person, group or building. An example of this could be about a British King or Queen, a famous British object (like a bowler hat or red telephone box) or an event (like Bonfire Night). This will be due in during the week after half term on **Friday 6th November.**

If you or a member of your family take a holiday within the UK, it would be lovely if you could send Beech class a postcard to add to our British Values display.

Please can your child bring their PE kit every day. This can be left on their peg. **Miss Guy** teaches PE on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. **Mrs Cornish** will be teaching ICT on a Tuesday and **Mr Harley** will be teaching Science on a Wednesday. Year 1 and 2 will have a Forest School session every other Thursday afternoon.

Homework

Reading	Please read with your child regularly as this will have an impact on your child's learning. We change the children's Home Reading books every Monday and Thursday. Your child's book and book bag will be needed in school everyday for 1:1 reading. You may like to add a positive or helpful comment in the reading diary but please acknowledge the fact that the book has been read by signing and dating in the comments book. There will be stickers given out for children who read at home regularly. I have attached some ideas for comments.
Spellings	We will be sending home weekly spellings on a Friday , these will be stuck in the front of their new spelling books. Please help your child to learn these words. There will be a fun spelling quiz on the following Wednesday .
Maths	We will send this out on a Friday and this needs to be back in school on the following Friday . Times tables: Please can the children LEARN THEIR TIMES TABLES off by heart, in order, out of order. Music CDs with times tables are helpful – if you need any ideas with how to help your child please ask me. Miss Jayne will be teaching the children times table songs which hopefully your children will be able to share with you!

Reminders – Please can you make sure your child brings in a water bottle each day.

Show and tell – if your child has any books or objects linked to **Great Britain** these can be shared with the class.

If you need to speak to me, either **Miss Pryce** or I will aim to be on the playground everyday at 8:45am. Please see **Mrs Heywood** or me if you would like to make an appointment to see me.

We are looking forward to an exciting term ahead.

Thank you for your support,

Miss Jayne

Useful websites to explore linked to our classroom learning:

<http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/customs/questions/>

<http://www.seussville.com/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/zf44jxs/videos/1>

Questions to ask

Which countries make up the United Kingdom?

Which seas surround the United Kingdom?

Who is Dr Seuss?

Which stories do you know?

Can you find a word to rhyme with....?

Can you retell a fairytale?

Can you tell me the number bonds to 10 and 20?