

# LUXULYAN SCHOOL

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## **Beech Class Newsletter** **Autumn Term**

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back! The children have had a fantastic first week and we are looking forward to an exciting year ahead.

### **Staff**

Mrs Williams will teach the class Monday to Wednesday and Mr Heagney will teach the class on a Thursday and Friday. Mrs Squire is our class teaching assistant every day and Mrs Godfrey joins us each morning.

### **Topic: Dinosaur Planet**

Watch out everyone – the dinosaurs are on the prowl. They're rampaging across the dusty earth, swishing their enormous tails and baring their fearsome teeth. Let's explore the Dinosaur Planet. Imagine you're a palaeontologist (that's a scientist who studies bones and fossils). Dig deep and discover dazzling dinosaur facts. Create a dinosaur museum and invite visitors to see your awesome dinosaur artefacts. You could even do a dinosaur dance or produce some prehistoric percussion. Which is your favourite dinosaur? The Tyrannosaurus, the Brachiosaurus or the Micropachycephalosaurus? Doyouthinkhesawus? Yes, he did. Run! You will find attached a knowledge organiser explaining all of the areas of learning we intend to cover.

### **Phonics**

Read Write Inc. (RWI) lessons have already begun, the children are being assessed and currently taught in class groups according to their phonic ability. Mrs Williams will be running a RWI Parent Information Meeting soon, details to follow.

### **Reading**

Your child has been given a reading book. Some children will be given a 'colour' book: pink, red, yellow, blue, green, orange, purple for sharing. When they are confident on purple level they will transfer to Accelerated Reader where the books are coded by numbers. All year 2 children have completed a star reader test and will be allocated a reading range from which to select their books. When they finish their book they need to complete a quiz in school. We will be teaching them how to quiz this term.

Your child will be given a RWI Bookbag book which is a coloured group according to their RWI group level. This is a phonetically plausible text and we encourage the children to read these independently to you. If they get stuck on a word ask them to decode it using these 3 steps

## **Look for Special Friends- Fred Talk- Say the Word**

We are encouraging the children to read their books more than once, especially if they are reading shorter titles and have explained it as follows,

**Read 1**- figuring out how to say new words; finding out meanings of new words. Might be in 'Robot Voice'- hesitant, sometime monotone.

**Read 2**- developing confidence and fluency: reading aloud in the same way you would speak.

**Read 3**- comprehension: talking about the story, asking questions about the story; giving an opinion about the story. This is really valuable for the Year 2 children who will be completing a quiz about their book.

We will **change books on a Monday afternoon**, your child will then have 2 books for the week which they should read numerous times to build fluency and comprehension as described above. We will then collect in and quarantine the books that have travelled home before returning them to our library.

All children have access to Teach Your Monster to Read which is both web based and an app. Their log in will be stuck inside their Reading Record so that they can have fun with their phonics monster.

### **Maths**

We still have Numbots for both Year 1 and 2 and Times Table Rock Stars for Year 2 this year. You will have seen the certificates your child has earned for Numbots in their bookbags. We will check their progress weekly and award their certificates for Numbots as they progress through the levels.

Your child's login is stuck in the front of the reading record.

**Homework** You might like to try out on of the Dinosaur Planet suggested Home Learning ideas- see attached. Children are encouraged to read their books and play Numbots, TTRS or Teach Your Monster to Read little and often.

**Class Dojo**: Class Dojo is a fantastic way for us to share what is happening in school. Keep an eye on our class story and school story for regular updates. We do check the messenger function in Class Dojo but not regularly, so if you have an important message please contact Mrs Grubb in the office to be certain that we receive it in a timely manner.

### **Behaviour System**

We have a class behaviour system where the children can climb the rainbow and end up on the pot of gold! There are thinking clouds for poor choices, we then ask the children to reflect on any poor choices made. Children can earn house points for their team, St Julitta- purple, St Sulien- red and St Cyriacyellow.

**PE** We are very excited to have Cornwall Cricket delivering their Schools Time to Shine programme for Autumn term. Your child will need to wear PE kit every Tuesday.

There are no planned Parent Consultations this term, as always, if you would like to discuss anything please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards

**Mrs Emma Williams and Mr Joel Heagney**  
**Beech Class Teachers**