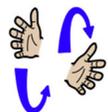


Core signs for our topic this term.



Our topic this term is 'We are Beech class', here are some related signs for you to practice.



Beech class



School



Friends



Help



Play



Learn

Don't forget to say the words as you sign!



Beech Class Key stage 1 Information for parents Term 1 2023

Class Teacher and Teaching Assistants:

Teresa Ficchi (Teacher)
Emma Gardiner (TALL)
Jeni Lwin (TA)
Gurpreet Kaur (TA)
Carrie Stephenson (TA)
Sarah Adams (TA)

We are 'Beech Class!'

Regular events:

PE Enrichment each Tuesday afternoon will be a rotation of visiting Shorne Country park and sensory activities.
PE will take place each Wednesday afternoon (Please make sure pupils bring in their PE kits for this day).
Swimming will take place each Monday afternoon (Please make sure pupils bring in their swim kits for this day).

Homework and contact:

Please share books with your child every day.
Please support our use of PECs by practicing at home as often as possible, and please contact if you need any support with this.
The Home/School Journals are in place for us both to write in so we can keep each other up to date about your children.
If you have any questions please contact the school office or speak to one of the team when dropping off or picking up.

Ideas for home:

Have lots of fun playing together with your child with their favourite toys this will help with their communication, vocabulary and engagement.

Foundations for Literacy

During our Literacy focus we will explore concepts of friendship, emotions and all that makes us 'Beech Class' through sensory stories. Our sensory stories as well as the curiosity approach will help us to develop our listening and attention skills. We will also explore lots of mark making both inside and in our garden area. We will enjoy familiar songs and rhymes.

Foundations for Maths:

During our Maths focus sessions we will be exploring maths concepts including counting and big and small, we will support this through songs and nursery rhymes, our construction area, building towers and counting in our environment.

Understanding the world

This Term we will be exploring our understanding of the world around us, developing the many skills to manage and regulate our emotions, building relationships with staff and our peers, learning new routines, explore, trying new things and feeling safe in Beech Class.

Gross Motor and Fine Motor

Beech will have lots of opportunities this term to develop our gross motor skills, in PE, Swimming and within our continuous provision through songs and games encouraging, walking, running, jumping, climbing, throwing and kicking. Some of our pupils require support from our move practitioners and we adapt to meet individual pupils' physical needs. We also will develop our fine motor skills, focusing on a pincer grip.

Art/Design

We will be exploring colour and textured materials, related to our sensory stories each week, such as 'The Rainbow Fish' and 'The Colour Monster who Went to School'.

Messy Play/ Food Play

Foods can cause anxieties for many of our pupils. In Beech Class we will be exploring dry textures in our messy play and food sessions, and slowly introduce different textures to our pupils, to help support pupils in engaging them in greater experiences of different foods, smells and textures.

Therapies

Beech Class will be accessing

- Gong Therapy
- Therapeutic Music
- Brushing
- Compressions
- Sensory Circuits
- SLIC support
- OT support
- Tac Pac/ Handy Pac

As required following observations and assessments by our therapists.

PSHE (Personal, social and health education) and RSE

Beech Class will be learning about how our emotions feel within our own bodies so that we can begin to regulate our many emotions, responding to assistance offered by a supporting adult (therapies). We will focus on the feelings of happy, sad and angry when talking about how we are feeling.

Physical Education:

PE will be on Wednesday mornings this term. Many of these sessions will take place outside so please ensure your child has weather appropriate clothing to join in. Swimming will be on Monday. Our focus will be water confidence and exploring the pool.

Communication/Language

Personalised Speech and Language targets in Beech class will be developed around pupils' individual EHCP targets, supported through a curiosity programme, intensive interaction sessions, having a choice of objects to make choices, objects of reference for transitions and sensory stories to develop our pupils' attention and listening skills.

PE Enrichment

The pupils will have PE Enrichment on Tuesday afternoons. This term it is a visit to Shorne Country Park and sensory activities.

Music

In Beech Class we will be enjoying 'Gong Therapy' during our music session this term. This aims to aid regulation and wellbeing.

We will also be exploring lots of different instruments, developing our engagement and response to the different sounds and rhythms we can make!