



# Beech Class

## Curriculum Update



**CLARE COMMUNITY**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Spring  
term 2023

### Reading and phonics

I cannot stress enough how important it is to read every day with your child. Studies have found that, if you read to your child once a day, they will have gained 1 million new words by the time they reach school age compared to their peers. Please do your best to read as much as possible. This has a huge impact on their progress!

### KS1 Reading Challenge

Well done to those who received their gold certificate last term. It has been fantastic to see the children's excitement each time they get close to 25, 50 and even 100. Please make sure you write that they have read in their reading records as otherwise this will not count towards the reading challenge! In addition to this, I will also be counting reading books together that are above their level.

### Mathematics

This term we will continue to develop our maths fluency skills through maths meetings and in lessons we will learn about; adding and subtracting within 20; 2D and 3D shapes; weight and capacity and number place value to 50. Please continue to use Numbots at home, as this is a fantastic way for children to apply knowledge from class in a practical way

### Literacy

This term we will be focusing on a couple of books, starting with 'Where the Wild Things Are'. We are implementing a new Literacy scheme that will encourage the children to look in depth at the writing and broaden their vocabulary and grammatical understanding with each book as we go.

### Topic

Our topic this half term is 'Knights and Castles'. This is a historical unit focusing on the lives of people within our local area. We start the first half term focusing on the history of Clare castle. In the second half term, we will be looking at more recent history and focusing on the change in toys compared to their grandparents' childhoods.

### Homework.

As you will have seen, I have sent homework books home for the first time this year. I will be sending these home every Friday with a new activity in and asking for them back in by the following Thursday. There will be a number of short tasks each week that will focus on sounds that need to be revisited, spelling or writing. At times, there may be a maths task, however Numbots covers majority of areas.