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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Beech Class and we hope that everyone has had a lovely summer! In Year 2 this half term our topic is 'The Lady of the Lamp'. The children will be learning about Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole and about the importance of staying healthy through good diet and exercise. Please see the attached curriculum sheet for further information on the topic.

We will be doing PE on Wednesdays and Fridays so please can you ensure that your child has a full, named PE kit at school. We will be teaching PE outside this half term (weather permitting), so the appropriate kit includes trainers/pumps and track suit bottoms. Can we also remind you that for safety, studded earrings and watches, the only jewellery allowed in school, must be removed for PE by the children themselves. We also ask that any boys or girls with long hair should tie it up with a bobble from home.

We take learning outdoors when we can and this year KS1 are planning for '**Creative Curriculum**' **afternoons every Wednesday**. This is a great opportunity for the children to mix together across the key stage and develop their social skills as well as fostering confidence, wellbeing and emotional intelligence. Much of this learning will take us into our lovely woodland so could you please send in some wellies that your child could keep in school and also an appropriate coat for the season - we will be going out in all weathers!

As you know regular reading is very important so we kindly ask for you to read with your child as much as possible (at least 3 times a week) and record it in their reading record book. For children who are becoming more fluent you could concentrate on their comprehension skills - asking them lots of questions as they are reading, and also check that they are noticing punctuation and using expression. At school we do 'group reading' on Mondays and 1-1 reading at various times throughout the week. So **it's important that all children have their book at school everyday**. Homework will generally be given out at the beginning of each half term. The children will have a homework challenge sheet from which they can choose a number of cross-curricular tasks to complete at their own pace. **We will review homework books every Wednesday** to check how they are getting on and also to enable us to stick in their weekly spellings to learn for a test the following Wednesday.

In the meantime if you have any other problems or questions please don't hesitate to come and ask us. Best time for us to talk is after school.

We are really looking forward to getting to know your children and starting a new academic year.

Thank you for your help and support as always, Mrs Evans and Mrs Beckett.

