

Beeston Primary School

Introduction

My name is Mrs Norris and I am the newly appointed Head of School at Beeston. I have taken up the post having recently worked at one of our Unity Education Trust Schools and having been a Head at two other Norfolk Primary Schools.

We look forward to meeting parents/carers and Beeston residents over the coming months.

New School Year

We welcomed new children and staff into school at the beginning of September and are pleased to report that all have settled in well into life at Beeston Primary School.

Trips/Fundraising

We have trips planned to Tesco to participate in their new autumn harvest trail, all classes will visit and take part in the in store visits and time in the Tesco education room.

Friday 29th September will see our annual support of the Macmillan Coffee Morning, our Year 6 children will host the fundraiser and parents/carers are invited to join us to raise funds for this event.

Exciting changes

Our Class Sharing our learning assemblies (SOLA) start this term alongside our new creative curriculum. Our Topic themes in each class are:-

Stars Class - Whatever the weather - we will be learning about materials, weather and seasons.

Planets Class - It's all Greek to me! - we will be learning about Ancient Greece - about place and time.

Comets Class - Abracadabra - we will be learning about materials, their properties and behaviour.

Forest Schools - we welcome Mrs Ostler an experienced Forest Schools teacher to our school once a week to teach all classes every fortnight.

Learning Heroes

At Beeston Primary School we place learning at the heart of all that we do. We are starting to encourage the children to talk about their learning more effectively. We intend to achieve this through our Building Learning Power Project.

What is Building Learning Power?

We can continually develop our capacity to learn in new and challenging circumstances throughout our life. In the developing field of learning to learn, research suggests that there are several broad dispositions that we need to develop in order to become successful learners.

Professor Guy Claxton suggests that there are four key learning dispositions:

- Resilience
- Reflectiveness
- Resourcefulness
- Reciprocity/social relationships

We have adapted these to use them in our learning every day at Beeston Primary School. Each disposition has different animal characters. Each character has different learning behaviours that the children can talk about and try to develop in themselves. Every Friday celebration assembly the children will be awarded certificates for showing one or more of these four Learning powers, they will help them become successful learners.

Communication

To support school communication our weekly newsletter will be available on our brand new website to read and we will also be operating a school Facebook and Twitter account.

- The Twitter account: Beeston School @Beestonschool
- The Facebook account will be: Beeston Primary School (Norfolk).

We look forward to sharing our learning on a monthly basis and all our news from Beeston Primary School with you.

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