



Welcome to the Lower Key Stage 2 newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers

Hello and welcome to another LKS2 newsletter. We have been back in school for a while now since Christmas and the children have been extremely busy!

Between now and half term there is a lot of learning still to be done! Year 4 are enjoying their 'Misty Mountain, Winding River' project and have learnt all about the features and journey of a river. The children have used atlases to locate significant rivers from around the world. In science we are grouping and classifying and are improving in our abilities to use and create classification keys.

Year 3 are enjoying their 'Rocks, Relics and Rumbles' project and have looked at the Earth's four layers and created their own models. They have also looked at the property of rocks and investigated a variety of rocks. During this investigation Year 3 looked at the appearance as to whether they were shiny or dull and whether they have holes and layers. They have also enjoyed looking at their new art project and this week were drawing their hands with lots of detail.

There are still places available on the Year 4 Faith Tour - please book your child's place through Magicbooking, if you have not done so already.

It was lovely to hear the children singing in phase assembly this week - this is something we hope to do more of. Mrs Cross

#BestofBeecroft

Friday 7th February 2025

How can you support your child's learning in Lower Key Stage 2 at home?

- Daily reading with an adult (see Home Reading Record Book).
- Times tables practice (See TTRS).
- Use songs and rhymes to help you learn your times tables:

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/>

<https://youtu.be/ios48EX9cxg?list=PL-uNqb-v0V7Pic6jpwnh8qgl3nA8IKp5e>

<https://youtu.be/e7rYbk9PNuM?list=PLaSZ7kwwxKqXpdLA0hIA9fa8RVmRC32pv>

- Choice of an activity from the foundation home learning grid - a minimum of one per week.
- Choice of an activity from the mathematics and English home learning grid - a minimum of one per week.



Key dates:

03 - 09.02.25 Children's Mental Health Week

11.02.25 - Safer Internet Day

26.02.25 - Careers Day

06.03.25 - World Book Day

13.03.25 - Cultural Day—Nigeria

January - February Half Term—Year 4 Forest school sessions will take place on Tuesdays



lks2@beecroftacademy.co.uk

office@beecroftacademy.co.uk



wellbeing@beecroftacademy.co.uk

sendco@beecroftacademy.co.uk

@BeecroftAcademy

Achieving Excellence Together

What's been going on?



Science: Year 3 have been learning about contact forces and if the contact force is a push or a pull.

They explored push and pull toys during the lesson and identified the force.



Art: Year 3 have been completing detailed drawings recently of their hands. They worked very carefully, looking at lots of detail.

Computing: Year 3 have really enjoyed their unit of work on animation. They used the iPads to create stop-motion animation clips.

Forest School: Year 4 have thoroughly enjoyed their Forest School sessions so far this half term. They are learning to tie knots, have worked together to make a shelter and talked about natural and unnatural materials. It has been lovely to see them enjoying spending time outside in all weathers and learning about the world around them. This week they made journey sticks, which the children will have brought home. We hope they enjoyed sharing their journeys with you. This is also an activity that could be completed as a family whenever you go on a walk through the woods or over Dunstable Downs.



Achieving Excellence Together

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) workshop

Attend a free ESOL workshop at
Dunstable Children's Centre to
enrol onto accredited courses.

If English isn't your first language, you can start accredited ESOL English courses with Bedfordshire Employment and Skills Academy (BESA), part of Central Bedfordshire Council.

ESOL courses will build your confidence using English in everyday life, education and employment.

What does the workshop cover?

Join a free taster workshop so you can enrol onto an accredited ESOL qualification. At the ESOL workshop, you will be supported to:

- try some activities to give you an idea of what the accredited courses will cover.
- complete a short assessment to identify your current English level.
- complete an enrolment form so you can start an accredited course.

When and where is the workshop?

- Dunstable South Children's Centre (LUS 4AS) on **Monday 10 February 2025**, from 9:30am to 3pm.

What courses can you progress onto?

You must attend an ESOL workshop before you can enrol on an accredited course. After the workshop, you can will be enrolled onto an ESOL course in speaking and listening, reading or writing skills.

ESOL courses will be running at Dunstable South Children's Centre from February 2025.

What is the cost?

ESOL courses are **free** subject to meeting entry requirements and funding conditions. You must be at least 19 years old in Central Bedfordshire or Bedford Borough and meet all funding criteria.

Register your interest to attend the ESOL workshop

You **must register your interest** to attend the workshop. Please complete an **online enquiry form** at www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/besa-contact-us and select 'ESOL'. You will be contacted by phone or email once your enquiry has been processed.

For more information or support, contact BESA at

Web: www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/english-courses

Email: BESA@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk



KIDS IN ACTION'S

HOLIDAY CLUB

Tuesday 18th February
Thursday 20th February
Saturday 22nd February

laura@kidsinaction.org.uk

The Base, Unit 26,
Apex Business Centre,
Boscombe Road,
Dunstable, LU5 4SB
01582 477762

CHARITY REG NO. 1193660

