



Beech Class



Spring 2

Welcome Back

I hope you all had a relaxing half term holiday. The children all seem happy to return to school with the added excitement of being in mufti!! As always it is a jam packed term with lots to do and learn as well as well as celebrating Easter and the beginning of new life.

Please don't forget to make sure that all uniform, PE kits and coats are clearly named so that it can be returned to the right person! We had a number of items without names last term.

PE

You will soon be able to see our class timetable on the school website. Beech class will enjoy PE this term on

Wednesday and Thursday

Our focus for PE this term will be based upon the creative element of PE. They will explore movement, link skills, develop and combine skills, adapt and adjust to different tactics. They will also do the unexpected including juggling!!!! I can juggle myself so tis is helpful!

Please ensure that your child has their full PE kit in school at all times so that they don't miss out on the PE fun...

Learning Journey

This term our topic is focused on Iraq. In History the children will learn why the Islamic Civilisation around 900AD was known as The Golden Age. They will contrast the Islamic society, culture and beliefs and compare it to their own. In Science the children will consider the question *Could we live without water?* They will investigate materials, the dissolving and separating of materials. In RE they will make links between the beliefs and teachings of Islam and Christianity. They will learn about the work of two charities.

Love Reading

The reading challenge has had very positive effects on the children's enthusiasm to read but not all children are completing the challenge in our class. This challenge is in the process of being adapted so keep your eyes open! Please continue to listen to your child as often as you can. It might be that an older sibling listens to them or a grandparent, as long as their book record has been signed. Their diaries will be checked weekly on a Friday morning. We are continuing the Reading Pledge where the class will listen to the teacher read for 10 minutes; this is a lovely, calm beginning to the afternoon.



CARE-BUILD-FOLLOW-THINK

Literacy

In literacy this term we are reading and writing about Myths which is really exciting. The plots are full of adventure, magic and gruesome, ferocious creatures. They generally tend to take the theme of hero and villain but they are full of action and mysterious events. It is a perfect genre in which to focus upon interesting language choice, including figurative language. The hook will include researching mythical creatures and then creating one of their own which they will paint and, hopefully, make a clay model. The children will develop their ability to write a Myth with a clear structure, particularly in developing a clear distinction between resolution and ending. In grammar they will focus on dialogue- *verb and adverb*

Behaviour & Reward

We continue to use the snake and ladder approach to reward good behaviour. The school has adopted a positive, restorative approach to promote good behaviour whilst understanding that all behaviours have consequences and that we are all responsible for our actions.



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Numeracy

Beech class will continue to be taught their Maths using the White Rose Maths Planning This term in numeracy they will be learning about fractions as both part of a whole and part of a number. Children will be set maths homework through My Maths online on a Friday and this should be completed by the following Friday. As soon as we have begun our learning on fractions I will set the MY Maths homework In addition to My Maths, please support your child by helping them learn their times tables and with telling the time confidently. They will now have a table to learn on which they will be tested weekly.

Find out more <http://whiterosemathshub.co.uk/>

Date for the diary

Friday 8th March – Book Day

Wednesday 13th March - Beech will lead a class assembly on

Friday 15th March – Red Nose Day
Parents day is on Monday 18th March

Friday 5th April – Easter Service at St Mary Magdalene, Cottingham. Time tbc.

Collective Worship

Mon – Singing Worship **Tues/Wed** – Whole Sch Worship **Thur** – Class Worship **Fri** – Special Awards
Please come and join in with our Special Award Worship every Friday at 2:30 We do ask that you bring along your singing voices. Who will receive the class Star of the Week/Headteacher's Award? You are more than welcome to attend and If you would like to come along to the Friday Special Worship, please do call the office to let us know. It will give us an idea of numbers. We will also try and notify you if your child is the winner of our Star of the Week so that you can come along and share their success.