

Welcome Back

Firstly I hope you are all enjoying the half term break. It has been a really positive start to the year in Beech Class and I have really enjoyed getting to know the children. As we move into term 2, there is lots more learning and hard work to be done.

We will continue reading our "High Rise Mystery" during reading pledge. It has taken a little time for the children to get into the book, having enjoyed Kensuke's Kingdom so much, but they are now starting to become hooked! Our expectation for home reading remains the same, and we encourage children to read for 20mins per day.

In our #MathsFactor sessions we will be increasing the focus on times tables. Please encourage your child to practice on TTRS as much as possible.

As always, the Christmas term is always jam packed with extra curricular activities. We have a lot of learning to get through so it makes for a very busy term!

Thank you for all your support with our home learning,
Mrs Lloyd

Book Recommendation

My book recommendation for this term is the Butterfly Lion by Michael Morpurgo. This is a heart-warming and beautiful story. The children enjoyed Kensuke's Kingdom and I'm sure they will also enjoy reading or listening to this story!



Class: Beech
Autumn Term: 2

Non-negotiables

Weekly maths homework will be set via MyMaths every Friday, to be completed by the following Friday. Children should also be reading for a minimum of 20minutes on a daily basis. Termly spellings will be sent home for children to practise and learn. Finally, please continue to practise your times tables. This can be done on Times Tables Rock Stars or anywhere you choose!

Quest: Ancient Egypt

This term we will be continue our learning about ancient Egypt. We will be using our geography unit on rivers to learn the intricacies of the Nile. We will be looking at how rivers shape landscapes and economies. We will be completing cross-curricular writing in our literacy as well.

Collective Worship

Our value this term will be **respect& empathy** and this will be the theme of all of our whole school and classed based worship.

We will also be marking remembrance in November as well as enjoying the build up to Christmas celebrations.

Homework ideas

As always, we are sharing a range of ideas for you to support the children with their learning quest work at home.

Along with the "non-negotiables", children can extend their by researching all about Ancient Egypt. This vast topic has so many amazing learning opportunities! Any research you can complete at home will enhance your child's learning at school significantly.



PE



This term in Real PE we will be focusing on our *social skills* and how we can challenge ourselves to improve our personal abilities. Alongside REAL PE, we will be also applying our social skills to the REAL Dance. The children will learn all about rhythm, our body's movement and working together.

Beech Class' PE days will be **Tuesdays and Wednesdays**. Please can children come to school wearing Cottingham PE kit on these days.

Significant person

Ḥasan Ibn al-Haytham, Latinized as Alhazen, was a mathematician, astronomer, and physicist of the Islamic Golden Age. Referred to as "the father of modern optics", he made significant contributions to the principles of optics and visual perception in particular.

