

## Welcome Back

I can't believe we are already half way through the academic year! Once again, time has flown by. I am really looking forward to the lighter evenings and warmer days.

I am really disappointed that Beech Class failed to win any of the Times Tables Rockstar class competitions this term. It is really important that the children are practicing their times tables (as per the homework requirements). Just 5 minutes every day will make a significant difference to your child's table recall. It will also really improve their confidence in maths! This is especially important for Yr 4s as the National Multiplication Check edgers ever closer.

This term, Beech Class will be reading Wolf Brother by Michelle Paver. I know the children enjoyed our last book and I know they will love this one too!

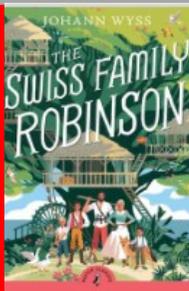
As always, this term is very busy, with packed timetable of varied learning. Thank you for all your support with our home learning,

Mrs Lloyd

## Book Recommendation

The Swiss Family Robinson

I love a classic story and this is a good one. If you enjoy adventure stories, then you will enjoy this one!



Class: Beech  
Spring 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 20 minutes 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: The Mayans

This term we will be focusing our quest topic on our history theme of the Mayans. We will be looking at the astonishing empire that originated in Mexico. In our DT we will be looking at replicating a Mayan structure.



## Collective Worship

Our value this term will be **forgiveness and friendship** and this will be the theme of all of our whole school and class based worship. Whole school worships take place on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, where we hold a celebration assembly after worship. Parents and carers are most welcome to attend.

## 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 the Mayans. Any support or research that your child can do at home will enhance your child's learning at school significantly.



## PE

This term in Real PE we will be focusing on our *creative skills*. We will be looking at how we can be creative in our thinking. This will help us to outwit our opponents. We will also be doing netball as part of our PE, where the children will be challenging themselves on their physical skills.

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

## Significant person

Mother Teresa was the founder of the Order of the Missionaries of Charity, a Roman Catholic congregation of women dedicated to helping the poor.

