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Autumn Term 1—Beech Class News—2023/24

Welcome Back

A big welcome back to the new academic year! I am very much looking forward to getting to know all the new members of Beech Class, as well as welcoming back familiar faces, who I'm sure will relish being our new class role models.

As always, we have a packed term. Whilst there is lots of learning to be achieved, we will also be ensuring the children settle into new routines quickly and positively.

I have an open door policy, so please do not hesitate to catch me on the door, or send me an email if there is anything you wish to discuss. Mrs Lloyd

Love 2 Read

Over the summer holiday, I have relished having some down time to enjoy reading. Whilst my current book may not be suitable for children in Beech Class, I have recently enjoyed reading *The Last Chance Hotel* by Niki Thornton. This somewhat spooky story has some excellent character development and some intriguing plot twists.

This term, we will be reading *Journey to Jo'burg* by Beverly Naidoo, which I know the children are going to really enjoy.

Expectations

This term, we will be focusing on ensuring children are following all of our school's expectations, from entering the classroom to showing respect to everyone in our school.

Please ensure that your child arrives promptly to school and that they are full compliant with uniform expectations.

Homework

Children will receive a weekly MyMaths to complement their learning in school every Friday. Children should also be accessing TTRS on a daily basis. Children will receive weekly spellings which are carefully selected based on spelling rules and national spellings. In addition, children are expected to read a book of their choice for 20minutes every day.

Spellings

Spellings lists for year 4 and 5 are available on the Microsoft Teams site and are also sent via parent mail. Please ensure children are practicing every week.

QUEST

This term our Quest topic will be all about rainforests. We will be focusing our learning about the Amazon rainforest, looking firstly at the different biomes and how they affect flora and fauna before moving on to looking at the impact of deforestation on the region and on the global climate. We will begin our Quest by visiting Hammerton Zoo to learn about some of the animals that live in the rainforest.

PE days

This term, Beech Class PE days will be on Tuesday and Wednesday. Please come into school wearing your school PE kit and appropriate footwear. Please note, no jewelry is to be worn during PE lessons.

Collective Worship

Our value for the term in Collective Worship will be **Compassion and Kindness**.

Collective worship will take place this year on a Monday and a Wednesday, with our celebration worship taking place on a Friday as always. We would love to have parents come along so please do! We will also have class worship on a Tuesday and a Thursday. Details of our Collective Worship can be found at [Collective Worship - Cottingham Primary](#).

Homework ideas

As a school we set minimal homework, but the expectation is that is completed every week. In addition to maths, reading and spelling expectations, it would be beneficial for children to spend time researching all about our Quest topic for the this term— rainforests.

Your child could investigate the following:

- rainforests of South America
- Flora and flora of South American rainforests
- Deforestation of rainforests

A.O.B.

Monday 11th September— KS2 trip to Hammerton Zoo
Please ensure that you have read all the information regarding our up and coming trip to Hammerton Zoo. Please make payments via Parentmail for this trip.

Monday 18th September 3:30—5:30pm Girls Football Tournament

Monday 25th September 3:30—5:30pm Boys Football Tournament