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Autumn Term 2—Beech Class News—2023/24

Welcome Back

Well, half term flew by!

As usual, this term will be packed with lots of different activities. Please ensure you are aware of our new homework requirements and that your child is completing them on a weekly basis.

Please note our new KIRFS for this term (Yr 4 7x table multiplication and division facts/ Yr 5 recall prime numbers to 19).

Mrs Lloyd

Love 2 Read

Over the half term I have enjoyed reading *The Girl of Ink and Stars*. We looked at snippets of this wonderful book in guided reading, however it is well worth reading the whole book and I highly recommend it to all pupils!

This term, in reading pledge, we will be finishing reading *The Abominables* before starting our new book, *The Legend of Podkin One Ear*.

Expectations

This term, we will be focusing on ensuring all children are completing their home on a weekly basis. We will be doing regular times tables practice to check that children are able to rapidly recall all multiplication and division facts.

We will also be reminding children of our school's values and the responsibility each pupil has in ensuring they are following them.

Homework

In a change to homework this term, we are focusing on our times tables (TTRS) and our spellings (Spelling Shed). Children are **expected** to complete 15mins of TTRS practice a week and complete the 6 spelling activities set on Spelling Shed every week. In addition, children should still be reading for pleasure for 20minutes a day. Please note, we will be checking to ensure that children are completing the homework as this is a valued addition to their education.

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 practising every week and completing their spelling homework on Spelling Shed.

QUEST

This term our Quest topic will be all about rainforests. We will continue to focus on our learning about the Amazon rainforest. In DT this term, we will be creating a sustainable vehicle that the Rainforest Alliance could sell. In the second half of term in art, we will be creating a collage based on South American indigenous art and use the The Great Kapok Tree as a stimulus.

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 **Respect and Empathy**

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 it is completed every week. In addition to TTRS, Spelling Shed spelling practice and reading expectations, it would be beneficial for children to continue to spend time researching all about our Quest topic for the this term—rainforests.

Your child could investigate the following:

- South American artists
- Indigenous South American art
- Vehicles that excel in the rainforest

A.O.B.

Monday 30th October—TTRS take-over day. We will be launching our new TTRS activities and competitions. We welcome the children coming into school dressed up as their favourite rock/pop star.

Fri 1st December— Scooter and Skateboarding takeover day.

Friday 15th December— Carols around the Christmas tree.