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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 *None of this is True* by Lisa Jewel. This excellent story has some excellent character development and some intriguing plot twists.

This term, we will be reading the *Legend of Podkin One Ear* by Kieron Larwood, 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

This term, Children will be set a certain amount of time that they have to spend **on garage** on **TTRS** (15 minutes) and this will be monitored. Children also have to complete the spellings challenge set on **Spelling shed**. In addition to this please practice the terms **KIRFs** with the children (available on line) and **daily reading** is vital.

Spellings

Spellings lists for year 4 and 5 are available on the Microsoft Teams site and are also sent via parent mail. Please ensure that children complete their Spelling Shed assignments to practice their spellings every week.

QUEST

This term our Quest topic will be all about farming. We will focus our history on learning about farming in the Stone Age and Iron Age. We will explore how farming evolved and modernized. We will then use our learning in history, along with our learning in science to apply this to drawing plants. We will then create a final piece, using different materials to add texture.

PE days

This term, Beech Class PE days will be on Tuesday and Wednesday for Yr5s and Mondays and Tuesdays for Yr4. Please come into school wearing your school PE kit and appropriate footwear. Please note, no jewelry is to be worn during PE

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— farming.

Your child could investigate the following:

- The Stone Age
- The Iron Age
- Different types of farms

A.O.B.

Wednesday 11th September— Yr5 Judaism morning

Wednesday 18th September Skip to be fit morning

Thursday 19th September— School photos