

## Welcome Back

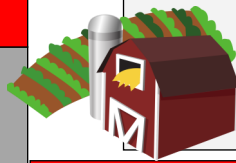
Firstly, I hope you all had a good mini break. I can't believe we half way through the academic year already!

Although this is another short(ish) half term, it will be jam packed with learning. We are continuing our quest learning all about the Ancient Greeks. Whilst our focus will shift from history and art to geography and design and technology, the quest theme will continue throughout the term.

We will be increasing our focus on our times tables this term. In May, the Year 4s will take a national times table test and we will be making sure they are completely ready for this. It will do the Year 5s good to keep practising too! Please make sure you practise times tables with your children as much as possible to help them with their preparation.

We will continue reading our class story, The Boy at the Back of the class, which the children are enjoying.

Thank you,  
Mrs Lloyd



**Class: Beech**

**Term: Spring 1**

## 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—please practice these every week. Finally, please continue to practice your times tables. This can be done on Times Tables Rock Stars or anywhere you choose!

## Quest: Ancient Greece

This term in our Quest we will be learning all about Ancient Greece. This fascinating and vast historical area will be the overriding Quest theme for both Spring terms. We will be learning about Greek Civilisation, Greek Gods and Mythology along with how the Ancient Greeks have influenced the Modern World. We have an exciting Quest introduction planned!!!

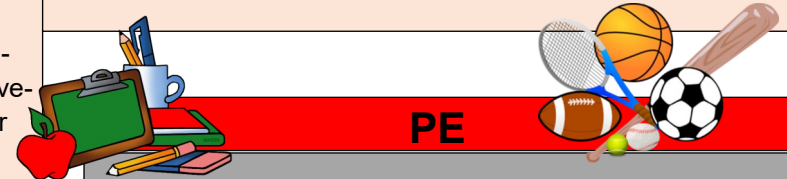
## Collective Worship

In Collective Worship, our value of the term is Forgiveness and Friendship. We will explore how Christians demonstrate both these values and relate them to stories and teachings from The Bible. Collective Worship will take place on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

## 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 Ancient Greeks. This is a vast topic area, and any research the children can do will be beneficial.



## PE

This term in Real PE we will be focusing on our physical skills and how we can improve them over time. We will be looking at what we our bodies can do and how we can adapt our physical qualities to suit our challenge. In addition to REAL PE, we will also learning how to play basketball. We will use all the skills we have learnt in REAL PE and apply them to this popular sport.

Beech Class' PE days will be **Wednesday and Thursday**. Please can children come to school in PE kit on these

## Significant person

Our significant person for this term is a familiar name! We have already looked at who Archimedes was during our Greek philosophers lesson. We will learn more about his significant influences on modern day science and mathematics.

