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Spring Term 1—Beech Class News—2023/24

Welcome Back

Welcome back, I hope that Santa was good to you and you managed to get some rest over the busy Christmas period!!

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 9x table multiplication and division facts/ Yr 5 recall area and perimeter formulas)..

Mrs Lloyd

Love 2 Read

In class, we will continue to read our class book, Who let the Gods out. The children are really enjoying this book, and they are recalling some of the Greek Gods they learnt about when we had Ancient Greece as our Quest.

Our next book in class will be The Legend of Podkin One Ear, which is a great book and I know the children will thoroughly enjoy it. I look forward to hearing any book recommendations which the children may have from their holiday reading.

Expectations

This term, we will be focusing on ensuring all children are completing their home on a weekly basis. It was apparent that not all children were completing their weekly homework. Year 4 children in particular will increase the focus on their times tables as they prepare for their MTC assessment in the summer.

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

Homework

Please ensure that your child is regularly completing their homework. Staff will be checking and monitoring who is not completing it and will contact parents to discuss. As a school, we believe the homework set is a valuable addition to your child's education and can have significant benefits to their attainment in school.

Our homework expectations are not onerous and should take approximately 30 minutes per week.

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 the Romans. This term, we will be looking at the Romans as invaders. We will look at how the Roman Empire spread across Europe and explore the key successes at this time. We will look at the impact the Romans had across the world and how their achievements still shape many aspects of modern society (including our language!).

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 **Honesty and Self Esteem**

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— The Romans as Invaders

Your child could investigate the following:

- Famous Roman Empires
- Which countries did the Romans invade?
- Why were the Romans so successful?

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Fridge Dates

Friday 26th January— Bikeability Yr3/4.

Wednesday 31st Jan— Yr 5 Maths Enrichment Day

Monday 5th—9th February—Childrens Mental Health awareness week.

Thursday 15th February — PTFA Valentines Disco