



LEARNING AND FLOURISHING TOGETHER

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Spring Term 2 —Beech Class News—2023/24

Welcome Back

Welcome back to term 4 in Beech Class– I hope that you had a good break and are ready to go for this short but very packed term. In Beech last term the children worked so hard on their new Quest and found out all about Romans in their own place. This term we move onto finding out about Romans when they invaded Britain and the changes that they brought with them. I am really looking forward to exploring this with the children and then allowing them to present the information to the younger children alongside a healthy pizza that they will have designed and made in DT.

Love 2 Read

Our next book in class will be The Legend of Podkin One Ear. I am really pleased that we have been able to acquire a half class set of the books so everyone will be able to look at the books during their reading time. We are also introducing recommending a book so if the children have any favorites that they would like to share with the class, that would be amazing. It's so good for children to hear about great books from their fellow pupils and also why they like them!

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

As you are aware, there has been a change to the homework that is set this term. My Maths is no longer an expectation. 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 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 **friendship and forgiveness**.

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

27th February– children back in school

7th March– world book day

15th March– cricket takeover day

20th March– Beech parent teacher day

26th March– drumming concert

27th March– Life Education wellbeing workshop

28th March– last day of term