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Summer Term 1 —Beech Class News—2023/24

Welcome Back

Welcome back to term 5 in Beech Class— I hope that you a restful but enjoyable Easter holidays and have returned ready for what is always a jam packed time of the year. 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 all about the continent of which we are a part of— Europe. As always, please keep an eye out on up and coming events during the term. I know the Yr4s will be very excited about their upcoming residential! Please do sign up for Parent Day, during which the Spring Term Reports will be given out.

Love 2 Read

As we did not manage to finish who let the God's out, our next book in class will still 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

Expectations

This term, we will increase our focus on our times tables as the Yr4s will be completing the national multiplication check. It is vitally important that the children are completing the homework every week.

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 based on a geography unit. We will be studying the continent of Europe. We will be investigating the major European cities and locating these on a map. We will be researching the major landscape features within Europe and we will end our learning by comparing the countries of Iceland and Italy.

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 **PERSEVERANCE AND ENDURANCE**

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— a study of Europe

Your child could investigate the following:

- The different countries in Europe
- The different landscapes in Europe
- The different climates in Europe

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Fridge Dates

14th April— Return to school; freestyle dance workshop
17th-19th April— Yr4 Beaumanor Residential
30th April— PTFA Pro Strike Fundraiser
13th-16th May—SATS Week
23rd May— Class Photos