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Summer Term 2 —Beech Class News—2023/24

Welcome Back

Wow, I can't believe this is the final term of the year. It seems to have flown by in a flash again! This term is another jam-packed one. There is still a lot of learning to be completed, but we also have lots of extra activities to squeeze in. This year, the Year 6 play will be Aladdin. Beech Class will be learning their class routine and participating in the whole school songs. Year 4s have the first PDET Big Sing to look forward to in June. As we move through the term, you will be notified of your child's class for next year and we will complete a transition day.

Love 2 Read

In reading this term, we will continue with the Legend of Podkin One Ear. We will read this as a class and base some of our reading lessons on this book. Every Friday, the children take it in turns to share their favourite book with the class and we read the first chapter together.

This term, I recommend one of my favourite books, The Butterfly Lion, by Michael Morpugo. This is a lovely tale with a beautiful twist at the end.

Expectations

As we come towards the end of the year, it is important that standards don't slip. Please make sure that your child attends school wearing the correct uniform. I understand that many items, especially jumpers and cardigans, go missing as children leave these on the playground. It is imperative that these are named so we can reunite them with the children.

Please continue to support your child with our homework 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 children are practising every week and completing their spelling homework on Spelling Shed.

QUEST

This term our Quest topic will be based on a history unit— a local study. We will be learning about how the shoe industry drove the economy in Northamptonshire. We will look at the impact it still has on the region today. We will then move on to looking at printing in art and will complete our own shoe design by the end of the term.

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**.

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. Year 4s especially will need to focus on their times tables in preparation for their Multiplication check.

This term, I am asking parents to practice telling the time with their children. Whilst we cover this in maths lessons, it is most helpful if children have some prior knowledge of how to tell the time!

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Fridge Dates

Wednesday 19th June—Sports Day
Friday 21st June—Reserve Sports Day
Tuesday 25th June— Tata Kids of Steel
16th/17th July— Yr6 Performances
Tuesday 16th July— Guitar Concert
Thursday 18th July—Drum Concert
Tuesday 23rd July— Leavers Service