



Beech Class Newsletter Spring 2023

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Welcome back after the Christmas holidays. We hope you have had a lovely Christmas and New Year. The children have already been busy with our new topics and have had an enjoyable first few days back. Please remember to check our class page on the website for updates on what we are doing!

Please help by ensuring that your child is lined up outside the classroom at 8.45am promptly and that PE kits are in school ready for PE days. See below for further details.

PE will be on **Monday** and **Wednesday**. Please send **suitable kit** for indoor and outdoor PE.

Homework Thank you to all those who put effort in to supporting children's homework- it makes such a difference! Homework is handed out on a Monday and due in the following Monday.

Reading

Please use the time children are reading with you to ask them questions about the text- this helps their understanding and is so important! Children are expected to read every day for 10 minutes and have this recorded in their reading record. Reading books are changed every Friday. Over the coming weeks we will be carrying out an in depth assessment of the children's reading level so your child may bring home a new book band.

Children continue to read both independently and in whole class or small groups. We use Reading VIPERS in our guided reading lessons to help us answer a variety of comprehension questions.

Times tables

The children should be familiar with 1, 2, 3, 5, and 10 times tables and we are continuing to work on the 4 and 8 times tables. **Please support your child in doing this at least 3 times per week.**

Spellings

Spellings will be given out each Monday. Children can use spelling shed to practice spellings at home. They will have a weekly spelling test the following Monday.

Dates for your diary:

17.1.24	Otley Carnival Stars Assembly
18.1.24	Y3 and Y4 Maths coffee morning for parents. 9.10 - 10.00
6.2.24	Safer Internet Day
8.2.24	Reading café (Beech and Rowan class) To be confirmed
w/b 29.1.24	National story telling week
7.2.24	Solar for School information assembly
8.2.24	Reading café (Y3 and Y4) To be confirmed
9.2.24	Break up for half term
19.2.24	Back to school
28.2.24	Parent Consultation afternoon and evening
7.3.24	World Book Day
8.3.24	Sing and Swing event at Ashfield
15.3.24	Red Nose Day
21.3.24	Friends of Ashfield Easter Disco (tbc)
28.3.24	Break up for Easter holidays
15.4.24	Back to school

Our topics

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Science - Rocks and Soils

Computing - Desktop publishing

History - Ancient Egypt

Art- Drawing (King Tut's Portraits)

RE - How do people express spirituality?

PE - Gymnastics and Real PE

PSHE - Safety and the changing body -
Life changes

Maths

This term we will be looking at:

- Multiplication and division
- Length
- Mass
- Volume
- Times Tables

English

In our English lessons we will be reading
My Strong Mind and writing some in
depth instructions on how to look after
our mental health.