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## **Beech Class Newsletter – Spring 2026**

### **Happy New Year Beech Class!**

We hope that you all had an enjoyable Christmas break and have had a wonderful start to 2026. We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for all of the thoughtful Christmas gifts, cards and messages of thanks given to our Beech Class team. We are very grateful for them all. We are now looking forward to starting our new topic and lots more exciting learning opportunities. Our working days continue to be: Miss Chadwick (**Monday & Tuesday**) and Mrs Leonard: (**Wednesday, Thursday & Friday.**)

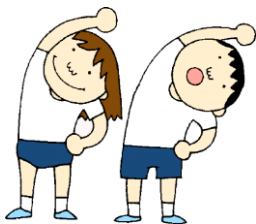
### **Curriculum**

This term, we will be exploring our topic of '*The Animal Kingdom*'. For more information, please view our Topic Web on the school website.

### **Reading Books**

Please continue to listen to your child read regularly (and record these sessions in your child's reading diary) - talking about the story and helping them with new and unfamiliar words and understanding.

**Please do remember to return all of the books that your child brings home each week.** We currently change books every Friday as part of our Guided Reading sessions and we were very short on copies of some books at the end of last term.



### **P.E.**

During Spring Term 1 and 2, P.E. will take place on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. However, it is essential that children have kit in school every day. As the weather is much colder now, please make sure that children have suitable clothing for both indoor and outdoor P.E. (jumper, sports trousers and trainers).

### **Homework and Spellings**

The suggested activities for the Spring Term can be found on the Beech Class page of the website. **The children should hand their homework in on Wednesdays**, and will receive it back on Fridays. The list of spellings for Spring Term 1 is now up on the school website and the children will also receive a paper copy to bring home. We will continue to do the spelling test every Friday. If your child receives a set of different spelling words, these will be handed out on Fridays in preparation for the following week.

<b><u>Important Dates</u></b>	
<b>Spring Term 1</b>	<b>Spring Term 2</b>
<b>w/c Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January</b> – Poetry Week <b>w/c Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January</b> - RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch <b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February</b> – Beech Class sharing worship @ 2:30pm <b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February</b> – Safer Internet Day <b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February</b> – End of Spring Term 1 <b>***February Half Term***</b>	<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February</b> - Children return to school <b>w/c Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b> – Book Week <b>w/c Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March</b> – Science Week <b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March</b> – Parents' Evenings <b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March</b> – Comic Relief <b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March</b> – Easter Church service (pupils only) and Easter Egg Hunt <b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b> – End of Spring Term 2 <b>***Easter Holidays***</b>

### **Contact with the class teachers**

If you wish to make contact with us, there are a number of ways that you can do this

- You could send a message (written or verbal) with your child.
- You are able to phone the School Office, who will be able to help you or pass on a message.
- Alternatively, we are usually available at the end of the school day once all of the children have been collected. This would be a good time to have a short conversation. If a longer meeting is required, this can be arranged at a mutually convenient time.
- Emails should be sent via the school office, who will forward your message to us if necessary. You can expect a response within 3 working days.

### **Reminders**

- Water bottles – Please make sure children have a water bottle with them every day. Please note, the children should only have water in these bottles (not squash, juice or flavoured water).
- Outdoor shoes – All children should be prepared for outdoor play by keeping wellies and a warm, waterproof coat in school.
- Please can you be mindful on the size of the rucksack/bag you provide your child with as space is incredibly limited in the cloakroom.
- **Labelled clothing** - Please can we request that **all** items of clothing are clearly named.



We wish you all a very happy and healthy start to the new academic year.

Best wishes,  
Miss Chadwick and Mrs Leonard



**Building Firm Foundations For Life**

Below are reminder sheets to help encourage independence in your child. You could put it on the fridge or your child's bedroom door so they can ensure they have everything they need each day.

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## Spring Term 1

Day	I need to take to school my...	Key events are...
Monday	Reading Record Reading books Water Bottle	Reading Record Checked
Tuesday	PE Kit Reading Record Reading books Water Bottle	P.E. (indoor)
Wednesday	PE Kit Homework book Reading Record Reading books Water Bottle	Homework due in P.E. (outdoor)
Thursday	Reading Record Reading books Water Bottle	
Friday	Reading Record Reading books Water Bottle	Spelling Test Guided Reading / Changing books

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## Spring Term 2

Day	I need to take to school my...	Key events are...
Monday	Reading Record Reading books Water Bottle	Reading Record Checked
Tuesday	PE Kit Reading Record Reading books Water Bottle	P.E. (outdoor)
Wednesday	PE Kit Homework book Reading Record Reading books Water Bottle	Homework due in P.E. (outdoor)
Thursday	Reading Record Reading books Water Bottle	
Friday	Reading Record Reading books Water Bottle	Spelling Test Guided Reading / Changing books