

To Flourish and Grow

Through God's love, we are the rich soil where seeds flourish and roots grow. (Luke 8: 4-15)

Beech Class - Summer Term 2026

Class Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Summer term 2026. I hope that you all had an excellent Easter break. It is great to see all the children back in school and we are all excited about their learning in the term ahead. This term our projects are The Victorians in History and a local study in Geography. In D&T we will be looking at cranks and making a moving toy and in Art we will be focusing on drawing. Science for the summer term will be exploring plants, living things, habitats and seasonal changes. With the weather hopefully staying warm and dry we will be working on bat and ball skills and athletics in our PE lessons. We hope all of these topics will give us the chance to enjoy lots of outdoor learning over the summer term.

Homework

As with the rest of the school, the expectations for homework in Beech Class consist of:

Reading: reading to an adult at least 3 times per week and recording this in their reading record book (these must then be handed in on Tuesday morning for checking). Please note, that unless the book is signed by an adult, it will be assumed that your child has not completed this homework. Book bingo books can be read and you will find the chart in your child's reading record.

Spelling: There will be spellings set for Year 2s to practise at home and these will be tested on a Tuesday. These words will match their spelling lessons during the week. We also subscribe to Spelling Shed where both Year 1 and Year 2 children can practise a range of spellings. For Year 2 this will be their spelling list words. Your child will receive regular updates for the spelling lists that will be tested.

Maths: This term both Year 1 and Year 2 will be looking at Fractions, Time and recapping Addition and Subtraction and Place Value. If you have a child in Year 2, weekly practise of the 2x, 5x and 10x table is really beneficial for them to be fluent in these before moving into Year 3.

Termly Project Task: each child in school is being asked to produce one project-related task per term which you can work on at home each week. Please select one task from the following list and submit it during our project sharing week beginning the 13th of July.

Task 1: Create a Powerpoint of your favourite animal and their habitat including facts and images to present to the class.

Task 2: Design a poster looking at modern life and life in Victorian times and how they are different.

Task 3: Build a model steam train one of the greatest inventions of the Victorian age.

P.E.

Our P.E. lessons will be on Tuesday and Thursday each week and one lesson will be taught by our coach from our P.E. provider, Essex Professional Coaching. We are asking children to come into school dressed in their kit on the days that they have PE. Please name all P.E kit.

All children whose hair is past shoulder length must have it tied back on P.E. days. Please remember that earrings must be removed for any P.E. lessons. If your child cannot take part in P.E. for whatever reason, then this must be put in writing via email to the school office.

Water Bottles and Hats

All children should have their own water bottle in school. As the warmer weather is approaching a sun hat and sun cream would be appropriate on hotter days.

Healthy Snacks

Please ensure that the snack you give your child for break time is a healthy one. Examples include:

fruit	dried fruit	plain crackers	rice cakes
vegetable sticks	plain popcorn	dry breakfast cereal e.g. Cheerios	cereal bars

Keeping in touch, assessment and important dates for this term:

Monday 13th April - Return to School

Friday 17th April - Dress as a Word Day

Tuesday 21st April - Class Photos

Friday 15th May - Whole School Vision & Values Day

Thursday 21st May - DT Rail Project Day

Friday 22nd May - PTFA Colour Day

Thursday 18th June - Sports Day

Friday 26th June - Reserve Sports Day

Friday 3rd July - PTFA Fun Friday

Wednesday 8th July - Rocksteady Concert

Friday 17th July - Last Day of Term

Other dates may be added so please continue to check our school website and Instagram page.

In the meantime, if you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Kind regards,

Mr Rippingale