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Welcome back to Beech class. I hope that you had a pleasant break and are looking forward to an exciting Spring term ahead.

Reading at home

Please keep reading regularly with your child at home as it is very important that your child is able to consolidate their reading outside of school hours. We will continue to do whole class guided reading lessons, during which we will be working on inferring meaning from texts and developing strategies to read exception words as well as how to use prefixes, suffixes and root words to understand the meanings of unfamiliar words. Practising these skills at home would be invaluable for your children. Children can change their books independently during reading time in class.

Homework

Homework will be given out at the start of the term. Homework books will be checked on Thursdays and given back to children on Fridays. Please try to complete one task from the list per week. Feel free to comment on how well your child managed with each task. It is important for me to know if they have found something particularly challenging. It's also nice to know if they have enjoyed it too! Please make sure that your child completes their homework to as high a standard as possible - we like to display lots of it around the classroom!

Spellings

Spellings will be given out on a Thursday and tested the following Thursday, in line with the Year 4 English Curriculum. The children will have 10 spellings to learn linked to a spelling rule or pattern, but when tested will have a few extra spellings from the Year 4 exception words list. During the test I will say the spelling, put the spelling word into a sentence, and then repeat the spelling word again. Once marked their answer sheet will be attached into their spelling books.

Times Tables

Times tables will continue to be tested on a Monday this term. Children will work through bronze, silver and gold on each times table before moving onto the next. Once gold is achieved on the 12 times table, children will start the 99 club, in which a random selection of times table questions will need to be completed within 10 minutes.

PE Kits

Beech Class will have PE every Monday and Wednesday. PE may take place on the field so PE kits might get a bit muddy, sorry! Please make sure that your child has a jacket/ jumper that they can wear for PE when it is cold and suitable trainers for outdoor activities on the field or the playground.



Names

Please ensure all of your child's school uniform/PE kit, coat, pack lunch and water bottle are clearly named.

Thank you.

Spring Term's Curriculum

Much of this term's work will be based on the topic 'Animals and their Habitats' beginning with how animals adapt to their habitat, and how we can classify animals. Please feel free to send in any books or items of interest related to the class topic for 'show and tell'.

The main focus for English will continue to involve vocabulary, punctuation and grammar, as well as writing for different purposes and audiences. Much of our English work will be linked to our 'Animals and their Habitats' topic where appropriate. Weekly themes will include non-fiction work and poetry as well as stories and traditional tales.

Mathematics will be taught through a range of practical and written activities. It will involve developing fluency, reasoning and problem solving across the Year 4 curriculum.

During this term we will also be finding out about internet safety, learning about healthy lifestyles, and learning how to say the names of animals in French.

Finally, thank you for your continuing support. If you or a family member would like to offer time or skills to support the children in Beech you would be more than welcome and much appreciated.

Yours sincerely

Miss J Tierney