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Beech Class Newsletter - Spring 2025

Happy New Year Beech Class!

We hope that you all had an enjoyable Christmas break and have had a positive start to 2025. We are looking forward to get started with our new topic and lots of exciting learning opportunities. We are also very happy to be starting the New Year with Mrs Fraser as part of the Beech Class team. Our working days are: Mrs Fraser (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. We currently change books every Friday as part of our Guided Reading sessions.





<u>P.E.</u>

P.E. will take place on Monday and Friday, but 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

The suggested activities for the Spring Term can be found on the Beech Class page of the website. The children should hand in any work that they have done at home on a **Wednesday**, to allow time for marking, before being given back on a **Friday**. Please help your child to complete homework tasks if they need it, but as far as possible let the work be their own. Spellings will be given out on a **Friday** in preparation for a short spelling test the following Friday.

Important Dates

w/c Monday 13th January – RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch Tuesday 11th February – Safer Internet Day Friday 14th January – End of Spring Term 1

February Half Term

Monday 24th February - Children return to school
Friday 28th February - Beech Class Sharing Worship (2:30pm)
w/c Monday 3rd March - Book Week
w/c Monday 10th March - Science Week
Monday 24th and Wednesday 26th March - Parents' Evenings
Wednesday 2nd April - Easter Church service (pupils only)
Friday 4th April - Easter Egg Hunt and end of Spring Term 2 - no Tree House
Easter Holidays*

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 will usually be available at the end of the school day once all of the children have been collected and this would be a good time to have a quick conversation. A longer meeting can then be arranged at a mutually convenient time if required.
- Emails should be sent via the school office (office.3082@chesterton.oxon.sch.uk), who will forward your message to us if necessary, and you can expect a response within 3 working days.

Reminders

• Water bottles – Please make sure children have a water bottle with them every day (separate from any drink in their lunchbox) as this allows access to water as and when they require it. 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. Furthermore, large attachments such as key rings or cuddly toys are discouraged.
- Labelled clothing Please can we request that <u>all</u> items of clothing are clearly named.

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

Best wishes,

Mrs Fraser 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.

Spring Term 1

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

Term 2

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