

Beech Newsletter Spring Two

Welcome back, we hope you had a great week off and a well-deserved rest. We are finally seeing the lighter mornings and nights that means Spring is on it's way!

LITERACY

This half term in Literacy, children are going to be reading the book, "The Gruffalo". They will be internalising part of the book by putting actions to it as a class. They will also be making story maps.

Children will be thinking about characters' feelings during the story and also designing their own device to catch a gruffalo.

You can help your child with their learning by encouraging them to read every night and listening to them regularly - regular reading helps children with their vocabulary and spelling. As part of our school reading scheme, they can also receive certificates and rewards.

Key vocabulary:

mouse	fox	snake
know	wood	house
deep	dark	

Mathematics

The children will be working on counting, reading and writing numbers to 50 this half term.

They will then be working on the following activities until Easter:

- Addition and subtraction to 50.
- Number bonds to 50 and comparing number bonds.
- Counting in multiples of 2, 5 and 10.

You can help your child with their maths by counting forwards and backwards to 50, writing numbers to 20 in words and practising number formation with them.

Key vocabulary:

add subtract plus minus equals the same as

SCIENCE

Science this half term will link to plants and growth.

Children will:

- Grow their own runner bean; observe and record changes over time.
- Conduct an experiment to see what plants need to grow and what happens if all these things are not given to the plant.
- Learn and discuss the parts of a plant and a tree.

Key Vocabulary:

Plant, tree, root, stem, petal, leaf, water, light





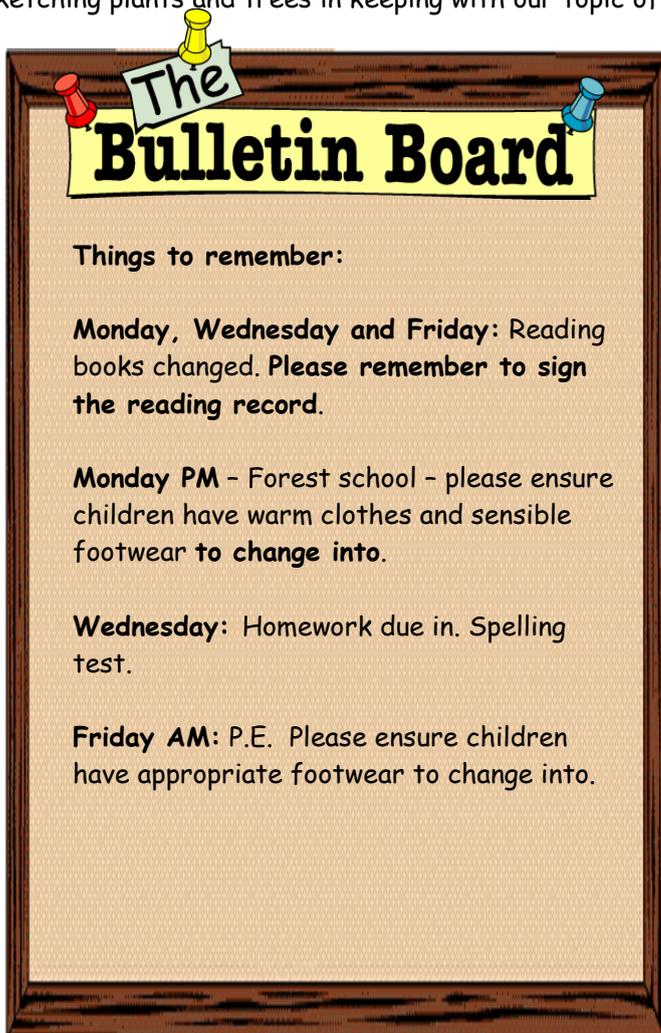
Other Curriculum Areas

PE - Movement and balance are our main focus points this half term. We will continue to enjoy wearing our PE kits by engaging in different team games!

RE - The pupils will learn about what it means to belong to a church or mosque. They will learn what they might see in these building, and what the people do when they go there. They will begin to understand that there are differences and similarities between churches and mosques, but that not all churches or mosques are the same.

Topic - "Deep in the Forest". During this topic we will be focussing on plants and trees, their parts and what they need to grow. We will be growing our own runner beans and observing the changes that take place over time.

Art - We will be looking at Van Gough's Sunflowers painting and recreating our own version. We will also be sketching plants and trees in keeping with our topic of plants and trees.



The Bulletin Board

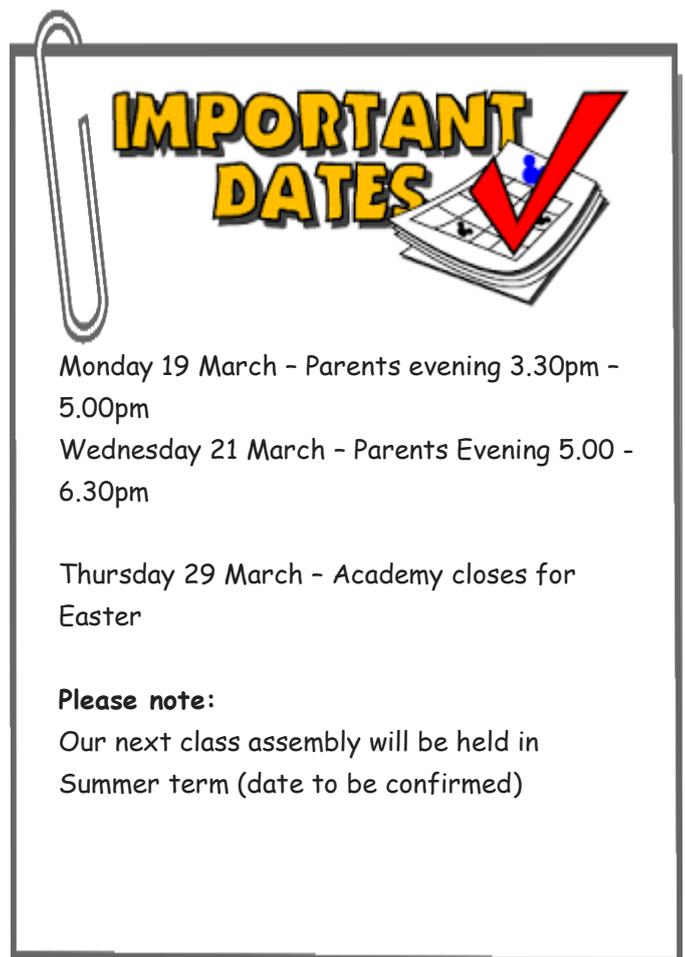
Things to remember:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday: Reading books changed. Please remember to sign the reading record.

Monday PM - Forest school - please ensure children have warm clothes and sensible footwear to change into.

Wednesday: Homework due in. Spelling test.

Friday AM: P.E. Please ensure children have appropriate footwear to change into.



IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 19 March - Parents evening 3.30pm - 5.00pm

Wednesday 21 March - Parents Evening 5.00 - 6.30pm

Thursday 29 March - Academy closes for Easter

Please note:
Our next class assembly will be held in Summer term (date to be confirmed)

Maths link: <http://www.mathletics.com>
Literacy: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/literacy>
E-safety: www.kidsmart.org.uk

