

Beech Newsletter Summer One

Welcome back, we hope you had a great Easter and some lovely family time. We are hoping that Spring is finally here and are looking forward to warmer days!

LITERACY

This half term in Literacy, children will be reading the book, "Handa's Surprise". It is set in Africa and is about a girl who has a basket of fruit which is stolen by different animals. The children 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 describing the animals as well as tasting and describing the fruit from the story.

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:

Handa	pineapple	avocado
Kenya	avocado	guava
Akeyo	basket	monkey
ostrich	passion fruit	goat
mango	zebra	giraffe

Mathematics

The children will be working on addition and subtraction to 50 to begin this half term.

We will also look at measuring length and height using rulers.

Multiplication and division will also be addressed in the form of grouping and sharing.

We will continue to work on counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.

You can support your child with their maths by counting forwards and backwards to 50, writing numbers to 20 in words and practising number formation with them. You can help them learn their times tables by counting with them in 2s, 5s and 10s, whenever possible.

Key vocabulary:

add subtract plus minus
equals the same as groups
sharing

SCIENCE

Science this half term will link to animals, including humans.

Children will:

- Identify and name a variety of common animals, including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals.
- Identify and name a variety of common animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.

Key Vocabulary:

fish, reptile, bird, mammal, carnivore, herbivore, omnivore





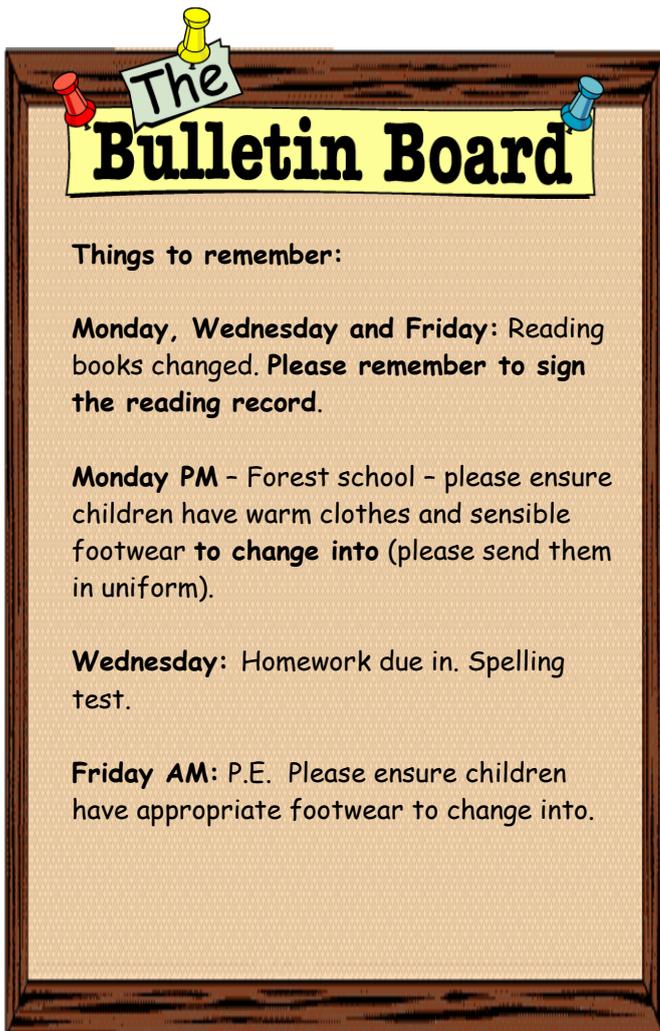
Other Curriculum Areas

PE - We will continue to focus on balance and movement this half term and will begin to include some throwing and catching. Children will continue to play team games at the end of each PE session.

RE- This half term, we are continuing to learn about and compare stories and principles within the Christian and Islamic faiths.

Topic - "Hakuna Matata". During this topic we will be focussing on Africa; looking at where and what Africa is. We will look at daily life in Africa compared to the UK and will study a variety of African mammals and other animals.

Art/DT - We will try our hand at some African jewellery making and African sunset pictures. We will also be making some African huts. Children will explore African prints in Forest School.



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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** (please send them in uniform).

Wednesday: Homework due in. Spelling test.

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



IMPORTANT DATES

Class trip: Year 1 are hoping to visit the Yorkshire Wildlife Park - further details to follow.

Please note:
Our next class assembly will be held in Summer 2 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

