

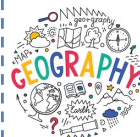
Spring 2026

Beech Class Newsletter

Dear parents/carers,

Happy New Year and welcome to the Spring term in Beech class. We look forward to a great term ahead with some exciting learning. The term ahead will feature visits to the woods and Cleave Farm. If you have any queries about what is outlined below, or anything else, please catch me or email me at cthomas@offwell-primary.devon.sch.uk

This term, our learning will focus on the topic of Ancient Egypt. Children will find out what was important to Ancient Egyptians, will compare the powers of different Egyptian gods and find Egypt on a map. They will examine images and artefacts that will enable them to develop their skills of historical enquiry.



This term in Geography, children will explore maps and our local area. They will learn to use sketch maps, recognise symbols and landmarks, and describe how land is used across the UK, including different urban and rural environments.



This term, our English learning will focus on themes linked to our work in History. Children will explore books such as *Cinderella and the Nile*, *The Story of Tutankhamun*, along with classics such as *The Selfish Giant*. They will develop skills in report writing, using inference, and exploring narrative structures. Sentence work will further develop the use of multi-clause sentences, fronted adverbials, and accurate punctuation. Spelling lessons will often link to the class text and reading lessons will continue daily.

Maths

— This term, our maths learning begins with multiplication and division strategies (both formal and mental). Later, we will use this knowledge to help find the perimeter and area of 2D shapes. Following this, we will learn about fractions—what the parts of a fraction mean, as well as how to add, subtract and find equivalent fractions. Other learning will include mass and length. Please continue supporting and encouraging your child to learn their times tables.



PE will be on a Tuesday and Wednesday —please ensure children come dressed in PE kit.



Learning in science this term will begin by looking at sound —this will include how sounds are made and heard. After half term, learning will move onto the topic of living things and their habitats. This will involve learning about how animals are adapted to their environments.



In RE, children will follow two units: 'What is it like to follow God?' and 'How do festivals and worship show what matters to Muslims?'

Other areas - **Computing:** repetition in shapes and data logging. **PSHE:** Living in the Wider World. **Music:** Composition and appraisal. **French:** Dates, likes and dislikes.



In art this term, children will learn about how to draw people, including sketching skills. In DT, children will use design and making skills to make mechanisms.

We look forward to the exciting term ahead and to working with you to create brilliant learning experiences for the children. If you have any questions, please catch one of us or email Cthomas@offwell-primary.devon.sch.uk
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