

Summer 2026

Beech Class Newsletter

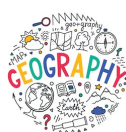
Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back to school for the final term of the academic year. We look forward to lots of exciting learning this term and, hopefully, the chance to get out in the sunshine! Below are some of the highlights for the term ahead. 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 we will be looking at the history of crime and punishment.



Children will develop their chronological knowledge (beyond 1066) of this aspect of social history. This will take them from the legacy of the Roman Empire through Anglo-Saxon, Tudor and Victorians periods.



In Geography this term, children will learn how diverse Europe's landscapes and places are. After locating some of Europe's countries and cities, children will learn about the climate and weather of these places. They will explore the various physical and human features of these locations before planning a European holiday!



This term our writing units focus on diary entries, letters and factual information, before moving onto poetry. Children will develop a greater sense of cohesion by using paragraphs. Children will enjoy reading some familiar and less familiar books in reading lessons where they will explore types of poetry, fiction and non-fiction. Children will explore texts such as: *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe* (C S Lewis), *The Jabberwocky* (L Carroll) and *Flotsam* (D Wiesner). Spelling lessons will continue to build knowledge

Maths — This term, children will learn the following topics:

Time— telling the time to the nearest minute, analogue and digital, duration.

Decimals—tenths and hundredths, decimal place value, rounding, dividing and multiplying.

Money— pounds and pence, money notation, adding and subtracting.

Position and Direction—coordinates and translation.

Statistics— pictograms, bar chart, line graphs



Learning in science this term will begin with electricity. Children will learn the basic parts of a circuit and how to build one. They will explore electrical insulators and conductors and why they are useful. Later in the term, lessons will include a range of scientific investigations.



In RE, children will follow two units: 'Why do Christians call the day Jesus died 'Good Friday'? ' and 'How and why do religious and non-religious people try to make the world a better place? '



PE will be on a Monday and Wednesday - swimming will begin on 27th April. Please come in PE kit on both days (and bring swimming kit on Mondays).



In computing, children will be editing photos using various software. They will explore programming and coding in various forms, including using BBC Microbits, as well as making games.

We look forward to the exciting term ahead and working together to achieve the best for the children. Thank you for continuing to support your child's learning at home.

Mr Thomas and Miss Marks