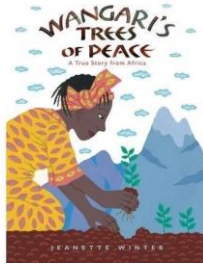
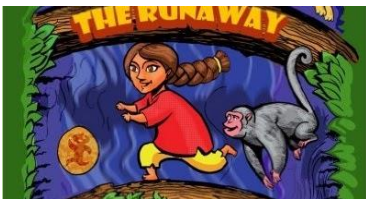




Beech Newsletter

April 2024

Welcome back! Spring didn't exactly 'spring' last term so the trip to see the lambs will happen this half term! Likewise, we are expecting to receive butterflies but the temperature needs to be quite warm for their survival so fingers crossed it, they will come soon. Over the next few weeks, we will be exploring our topic of Stories from Other Cultures. During this half term we will be looking at The Runaway Chapati and noticing similarities to other traditional stories. We will make flatbreads and design a wrap to make and enjoy. Also, Wangari's Trees of Peace, discussing the features of a tree and the importance of their ecology as well as learning about wood.



In **Maths** this half term Reception will be learning about 3D shapes, patterns, doubles and halves. They will continue to develop their understanding of number to 20, including counting, odds and evens and number bonds. *White Rose One Minute Maths App* will support the automatic recall of number bonds and subitising. Nursery will be encouraged to use mathematical language to compare, count, and explore different compositions of number as well as begin to measure, notice shape and see patterns.

In **Phonics Reception** children are reading words with two or more digraphs in them and longer words e.g. ending in -ing. Please encourage children to use segmenting fingers when writing, rather than guessing and continue to hear your child read at least three times at home in addition to the three times we hear them. **Nursery** children will continue to focus on alliteration, rhymes and oral blending. The nursery rhymes this half term are Miss Molly had a Dolly, Pat a cake, Ring a roses, Row, row, row your boat, Grand old Duke of York, Wind the bobbin up and Twinkle, twinkle.

PE session will continue to be on **Wednesdays**. Please send your child in PE kit on Wednesdays. This half term we will have PE with Kanga, concentrating on gross motor skills and learning to play team games.

Topic

We are learning about the wider world and welcome any interesting artefacts you may have gathered from your travels. I'd love to have picture of your child on holiday so we can add them to our world map, uk or wider!

We will be introducing the mud kitchen when the weather warms. We have plenty of wellies and aprons but please be understanding if it takes the children a while to mastery these messy skills. I would welcome any pinecones, half empty bags of soil, daisies, petals etc to create mud pies as well as any potato mashers, whisks you have spare, thank you!

We are hoping to plant out the beans/peas/nasturtiums we sowed last term once we have dug up the flower bed.

PHSE

We will be examining healthy vs unhealthy food, germs and brushing our teeth. We will examine ways to stay healthy such as sleeping well, mental health and exercise.

Homework- Reception

Homework will be sent out as a challenge sheet for the **Reception** children to pick from throughout the ½ term. A phonics review sheet will be sent home on a Friday to consolidate the weeks learning. Any comments can be shared in the learning journal.

Come in!

I am pleased to invite parents and carers in to play with us on **Tuesday 21st at 9:15. Stay for a maths focus until 9:45.** We will have board games, puzzles and maths activities for you to enjoy. Thank you to everyone who came last term!

Additional

I am always pleased to see photos of your special trips or events via Tapestry, which we show the class. If anyone is having trouble accessing Tapestry, please let me know.

Smaller modelling materials for gluing and making will **always** be needed.