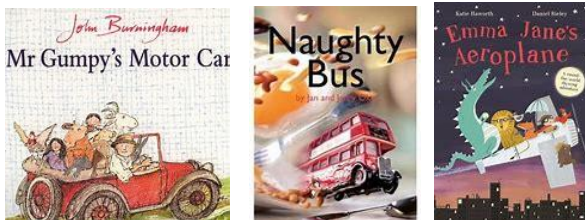




Beech Newsletter

April 2026

Welcome back! Continuing from last terms topic of Spring, we are expecting to receive caterpillars soon so the children can watch them change into butterflies. Over the next few weeks, we will be exploring our topic of Transport. During this half term we will be looking at Mr Gumpy's Motor Car, The Naughty Bus and Emma Jane's aeroplane. We will be using these texts in Reception to learn Literacy skills such as story maps, prediction, sequencing and writing.



In **Maths** this half term Reception will be learning about 3D shapes, to 20 and beyond, how many now?, and manipulate, compose and decompose. To support this at home, I will send home a sheet with ideas for each unit. 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 addition and subtraction. Nursery will be encouraged to use mathematical thinking to match, subitise, count forwards and backwards to 6 and compare sets.

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. **Nursery** children will continue to focus on alliteration, rhymes and oral blending. They are increasingly keen now to learn the letters!

Reading

In class the session focus is on decoding, prosody (expression) and comprehension. The children will continue to read their reading book three times a week in class and then sent home on a Wednesday. Books will be changed again on a Monday, alongside library books.

Come in!

I am pleased to invite parents and carers in on Wednesday 6th May at 2:30. The focus will be physical skills.

PE session will continue to be on **Fridays**. This half term Reception will be concentrating on manipulation and coordination; Nursery will be playing games such as Stuck in the Mud, parachute and circle games.

Topic

Our topic is Transport and we will be learning about different types of transport as well as comparing transport across the ages. We will start with cars, comparing old and new cars. Hopefully, Reception will be able to go on a bus ride. When we look at aeroplanes, we will look at some capital cities across the world and link these to a world map. Holiday photos from different countries would really help this book come alive

We will be fully using the mud kitchen now the weather is better. 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 will be planting beans, peas and potatoes this year as well as herbs. If anyone sows too many seeds, we will usually be able to find space for them. We will also be learning about decay so we will be looking at worms and how they help our soil.

PHSE We will be learning about Being our Best. <https://www.coramlifeeducation.org.uk/family-scarf/scarf-at-home/being-my-best>

Homework- Reception

Homework will be sent out as a challenge sheet for the Reception children to pick from throughout the 1/2 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.

Additional

I am always pleased to see photos of your special trips or events via Tapestry, which we show the class. If you wish your child to have sunscreen applied at lunch time, please bring in a small tube to be kept at school. If you can supply the roll-on type, it really helps with independence and time! All children need a NAMED sunhat please. Water bottles that are replaced over time, please can I ask for smallish bottles without straws as these are very time consuming for us to clean thoroughly each day.