



Beech Newsletter

June 2026

We are approaching the time when we are preparing to transition into new classrooms. There will be sessions when Reception children will be visiting their new rooms, and we will be introducing new children to Beech Class. We hope this will be an exciting time for the children but it worth reminding them that it is a long time till September. If your child appears anxious about the changes, please let me know. We plan to keep as much unchanged as possible over the next 7 weeks.

If it is sunny, please do remember to apply suncream before school. Thank you for bringing in creams, those roller ones make it so easy for the children to apply! We have a good supply of hats now, thank you.

In **Maths** this half term, Reception will be learning about visualising shapes and arrangements, describing positions using maps, and creating maps, as well as consolidating understanding of number. 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. Photos will be on Tapestry. I hope Reception parents have found the Maths Unit handouts useful.

In **Phonics, Reception** children are recapping the tricky words learnt last term and reading with increased fluency. We ask that you continue to hear your child read at least three times at home in addition to the three times we hear them. Recently, tricky words highlighted as the area most children found difficult. Please practice even one word a week from the recent list sent home. **Nursery** children will continue to focus on alliteration, rhymes and oral blending and will be taking time to hear stories and talk about books.

Reading

Reception reading is going very well so we ask that you continue to practice tricky words as much as possible to maintain the amazing progress so far.

Library books. We are struggling with lots of missing library books. Please do return books ASAP the following week.

Please send your child's PE kit in for **PE on Wednesdays and Fridays**. This half term we will be preparing for Sports day on the 8th July, then learning about speed, agility and travel. Wednesdays will be ball skills and coordination.

Topic

Over the next few weeks, we will be exploring our topic of The Seaside. We would love a photo of your child at the seaside to put on the wall. During this half term we will be looking at The Snail and the Whale, The Lighthouse Keepers Lunch and The Storm Whale. We will be learning about coasts and the sea, the animals who live there and how we can look after our seas and keep them clean as well as floating and sinking and seaside trips in the past. Please do post us a postcard if you travel anywhere, even if it's a local town, to inspire postcard writing. Its so exciting when one is delivered to school!

Reception will be having a school trip with Class 2 this term and Nursery will be having a morning of games, bubbles, and a picnic- details to follow.

PHSE

This term Reception will be looking at Growing and Changing- Seasons, lifecycles of plants and animals, who will I be, where do babies come from, getting bigger, me and my body. Nursery will be naming parts of the body, expressing feelings, working together, being kind and responsible.

<https://www.coramlifeeducation.org.uk/family-scarf/scarf-at-home/growing-and-changing>

Homework- Reception

Homework will be sent out as a challenge sheet for the Reception children to pick from throughout the 1/2 term. A reminder that 3 homework pieces is expected. 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 come and play with us on Tuesday June 30th at 2:30pm. We are nearing the end of the year and would like to celebrate with you by having an ice lolly and a play, no focus, be prepared to help with parachute games!

Additional

For anyone who has asked about end-of-term gifts, I have put together an Amazon Wishlist of items that would support our class next year. Please do not feel any obligation to contribute – this is completely optional and not expected at all. We can send the link out at a later time.