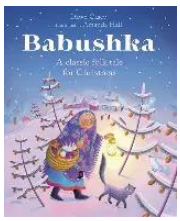
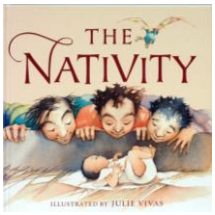
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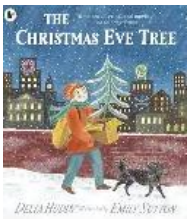
Beech Newsletter

November 2026

After a very lovely last day visiting Rectory Farm, we are now racing through Autumn towards winter. We have a supply of hats, gloves etc but, if you want to bring your own, please make sure every item is named. We put *so* many items in lost property last term as they were not named so if you have anything missing, please look there. Our focus books this term are Babushka, The Nativity and The Christmas Eve Tree.







In **Maths,** we will be learning about numbers 1,2,3,4,5, shapes with 4 sides and then more deeply at 5. Hopefully Reception parents are finding the small group math photos useful on Tapestry each week which may help give an insight into practical maths. Nursery will be looking at ordering number names, and finding 1, 2, or 3.

In **Phonics, Reception** are continuing to learn phase 2 graphemes, including some digraphs and also some tricky words. Tricky words are usually the part they find hardest and there are a lot of them this term! A review sheet is sent home each week to consolidate this. I will put on Tapestry a video showing how the children begin the process of writing. We are offering the date of Wednesday 18th November @ 5pm to share the process of phonics with you and we do think this is important at the start of your child's reading journey. We hope to see you there.

Reception reading. I hope you are enjoying a regular reading routine at home. Please remember to write a short note in the planner before returning the book on Monday, thank you. Most importantly, regular reading to your child of any book will help develop a lifelong love of reading.

Nursery children will focus on oral blending, rhyme, segmenting and learning through nursery rhymes as well as regular shared stories, promoting a love of reading. Attentive listening is always a focus. We also include activities that develop strong core and arm muscles for later writing.

PE

PE sessions continue to be on Fridays.

Reception will be introduced to Gymnastics this term and Nursery will be developing balance and coordination in Dance. Please ensure Nursery children come to school on Fridays in suitable PE clothing.

Focus. Our focus this term is Cultural Stories, looking at Christmas stories from around the world.

As an introduction to Geography, we will look at Google Earth and begin to understand that although we live in different towns, we live in the same country and it's not the same as other places in the world. We will look at similarities and differences between our country and others. Introducing Science, we will be learning about seasonal changes and baking. In PHSCE, we will be Valuing Differences

https://www.coramlifeeducation.org.uk/family-scarf/scarf-at-home/valuing-difference

In RE this half term, the children will be thinking about how Christians celebrate Christmas. We will be making decorations and cards too for our celebrations.

PJ'S, HOT CHOCOLATE AND STORIES! Come to school at 5:30pm on Thursday 3rd December ready to snuggle up and have some Christmas stories read to you. Bring your siblings, a cuddly toy and a blanket too. (I will ask for numbers nearer the time.) We will have crafting activities for the children in Beech class, not for siblings unfortunately.

Donations. If anyone has any complete games or jigsaws suitable for 3, 4 and 5 year old children that they were thinking of donating, we would be pleased to have them. Also any welly donations are welcome once your child has grown out of them! Many thanks!

Tapestry. We have been enjoying seeing the picture of special events from home. This is a great opportunity for the children to stand in front of everyone and practice their speaking and listening skills.

Homework

Homework is sent out as a challenge sheet for Reception children to pick from throughout the ½ term. They are expected to do at least 3 per half term, some children do all! A phonics review sheet will be sent home on a Friday. Any comments can be shared via the homework book. Reading books will be given out on Wednesdays, but we need to have the clear folder returned every Monday please. Library books are also to be returned on Mondays please.