



## Beech Class Spring 2 Newsletter

Dear Beech Class Families,

We hope you had a fantastic half term and are returning to school feeling rested and ready for an exciting half term ahead.

In English, we are continuing our Non-Chronological report writing based on Emperor Penguins. The children will complete their sentence work in preparation for writing their own reports. The weekly spellings lists for Spring 2, which follow the Year 4 and Year 5 spelling rules, are again in our Google Classroom. Please help your child to learn their spellings; discussing the spelling patterns and word meanings.

This half term, our daily Guided Reading will be taken from Sophie Anderson's book *The House with Chicken Legs* and we will be using this exciting story to practise a variety of reading skills. As always, we ask you to encourage and support as much reading, and book discussion, at home as possible; to expand and extend your child's vocabulary and comprehension skills.

In Maths, we will be continuing to follow the *Maths No Problem* programme; this term focusing on decimals, percentages and geometry. Alongside this, we will have weekly maths fluency and arithmetic sessions, to hone in on any key areas where pupils are less secure. The children will also be tested on their times tables weekly, in preparation for the Year 4 National Multiplication Tables Check (and to keep the Year 5s well practised); please encourage regular practise and participation on Times Tables Rock Stars.

Science this term we will be on Light. In Computing we will be finishing our Vector drawings and then moving onto creating databases.

For our Humanities work this term, we will be delving into human geography, using Brazil as a focus. The children will investigate differences between urban and rural Brazil, and case study the lives of some of the people living there. We will also use this fascinating country as a basis for work on climate and making comparisons between the physical geography of Brazil and the UK. The children will engage in geographical enquiry; asking questions of evidence and examining what it might tell us about this country. They will then use their investigations, on the huge cultural, physical, and human diversity in Brazil, to present their learning to others.



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PE will be on a Tuesday and Swimming on Thursday for this term.

RE will be focused around Understanding Christianity.

Finally, as always, if you wish to speak with any of us regarding your child, please pop in and see us, or leave a message with the office for us to call you and we can arrange a mutually convenient time to meet.

Kind regards,

Mrs Chapman, Mrs Kellow and Mrs Lewis