



# Beech Newsletter

## Spring Term 2 2023-24



### Upcoming Diary Dates:

World Book Day -  
Thu 7th March

Red Nose Day -  
Fri 15th March

Cromer Pier Show  
Plastic Pirates -  
Wed 20th March



### General Class News:

Welcome back and I hope you had a relaxing half term break. Beech Class are looking forward to spending more time outside, as the weather warms up. The snow drops are already making an appearance!

We have two themed days to look forward this half term (*World Book Day* and *Red Nose Day*). Thank you in advance for helping your child to 'dress' the part for what we hope will be enjoyable and fun packed days.

Please have a look at our updated school website. We hope you find the content useful. You can navigate to Beech Class by clicking on the

Pastoral link – Middle Phase – Beech Class.

Finally, Beech Class have been offered a two-night residential trip to Kingswood, West Runton. The dates are 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Hamilton.

### Maths



This term, Beech Class will continue to develop their everyday number skills using time, money, and fractions. We will also be working on multiplication and division in greater depth. To encourage strategic thinking and problem-solving skills, we will be playing maths games on a regular basis. The following website is a good example:

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/category/22/most-popular>



### English

Topic - Adventure, Book - Robin Hood

We will be studying one of our favourite genres adventure. Lots of work on narrative, character and binary oppositions – good v's evil. We will be making predictions about the story, focusing on setting and the relationships between characters. What makes this old tale so appealing to audiences all over the world?



Beech Class will be learning about the importance of consent and exploring the different types of intimate relationships.

Please visit the school's website: <http://sidestrandhall.org.uk/policies/> for more detail about our RSHE curriculum. All RSHE teaching takes place in a safe learning environment and is underpinned by our school ethos and values.

## Science



This half term we will be investigating waves, such as light and sound. We will cover topics such as the similarities and differences between electromagnetic waves and water waves. The students will carry out experiments investigating how waves are reflected, absorbed and transmitted, as well as the effects these waves can have on living things.

## PE

Beech Class will be moving onto learning the basic shots in Badminton and Tennis with the main challenge being able to rally in your pair. They will also be trying some Gymnastics by learning different types of shapes and using a range of apparatus in the gym.



## Other subjects:

RE—Humanism: What does it mean to be Human? Is being happy the greatest purpose in life? Beech Class will discuss the kinds of things Christians view as being sinful and ask whether they are considered to be sinful by those of other religions and none.

Music/Drama— Beech Class will continue to play the recorder and sing in class. They will also attend drama lessons with Mrs Harvey in Fig Class. Several students will also be learning their lines for our Plastic Pirate performance held at the Cromer Pier.

Outdoor Learning— What is the weather? - Cloud watching, making kites and studying the wind.

Topic - Beech Class will study Japan and look at what it's like to live in an area with frequent earthquakes . We will also look at Japanese culture.

## Other useful information

CBBC Newsround—<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround>

Maths - <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?q=word%20problems>

Quick, Draw! - <https://quickdraw.withgoogle.com>

Topic (Japan) – <https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/geography/countries/article/japan>

RE – (humanism) <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zmqpkmn>