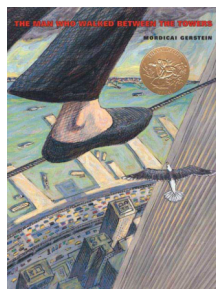


Beeches' Newsletter Summer Term 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the Summer Term! We hope you had a lovely break. This term is set to be an exciting one for Year 5, with lots of engaging learning and new challenges ahead as we prepare for Year 6.

In Maths this term, we will be continuing our learning on fractions and how they relate to percentages. We will also be exploring geometry, including the properties of shape, as well as calculating perimeter and area. Alongside this, the children will further develop their problem-solving skills through a range of engaging and challenging tasks.



In English this term, we will be studying *The Man Who Walked Between the Towers*. The children will explore the text through a range of writing activities, including explanations, reports, and descriptive pieces. A key focus will be on developing their skills in writing biographies, using the story as inspiration. We will be studying other books following this throughout the term. A focus will always be improving our vocabulary, grammar and spelling throughout our writing, heading towards those Year 5 expectations.



In Science this term, the first half will focus on animals, including humans. We will explore how animals change as they grow, making links to our PSHE learning. In the second half of the term, we will build on our previous oceans topic and investigate further scientific aspects related to marine life and habitats.

In Geography this term, we will be learning about deserts and what life is like in these environments. We will focus on one desert in particular, exploring its key features and climate. The children will also investigate how plants and animals are adapted to survive in the desert and make links to the wildlife found there.



In PE this term, we are lucky to be part of a whole school cricket programme. Devon community coaches will be delivering engaging sessions to help the children develop their cricket skills, teamwork, and understanding of the game. Children will continue to need the appropriate uniform for PE - a white t-shirt and black or blue shorts/ jogging bottoms and trainers every day. Please can we remind you to make sure all clothing, drinks bottles, lunch boxes etc are clearly named/renamed ready for the term ahead.



It is really important that the children continue to read at home, at least three times a week if possible. This only needs to be for 15 minutes at a time, or a few pages, but regular reading helps build fluency across all areas of learning. Being read to and sharing books together also helps to develop a love of reading so please try to find the time to share books with your child.

Year 5 class assemblies will take place on Thursday 30th April and Wednesday 8th July, both at 2:45pm. The first assembly will touch on our residential experience, while the second will be a wrap-up of the year. We look forward to seeing you there.

If you are unsure about any of the work set, would like some extra support, or have any questions please feel free to contact school using admin@hatherleigh-pri.devon.sch.uk or the year 5 email using year5@hatherleigh-pri.devon.sch.uk

Thank you for your continuous support.

The Year 5 team.