

## Beeches' Newsletter Spring term 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope that you have all had a lovely Christmas break and are looking forward to the Spring term. Here is an overview of the term coming up ahead.

This term in Maths we will spend a large part of the term looking further at fractions, ensuring that children have a secure understanding of what fractions are, how to convert both improper fractions and mixed numbers and developing a real-life sense of how they work. We will then move on to multiplication, looking at more formal methods for calculating, relating these to practical situations and applying them to problem solving.



In English, we will begin by exploring the book *Curiosity* by Markus Motum, which focuses on the Mars rover and space exploration. Children will analyse the text and use it as inspiration for a range of writing tasks, including proposals, explanations and news reports, developing both their creative and non-fiction writing skills. 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 Geography this term, we will be learning about our world's oceans. Children will study their importance, locate and describe the significance of the Great Barrier Reef, and examine the impact humans have on ocean environments.



They will also develop an understanding of ways to keep our oceans healthy, as well as present, analyse and evaluate collected data.



Our Science topic this term will focus on space, with a particular emphasis on the planets, galaxies and the solar system. Children will learn about the characteristics of each planet, explore how they move within the solar system, and develop an understanding of the wider universe. Alongside this, they will investigate key forces that help explain how objects move and interact in space.

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.

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](mailto:admin@hatherleigh-pri.devon.sch.uk) or the year 5 email using [year5@hatherleigh-pri.devon.sch.uk](mailto:year5@hatherleigh-pri.devon.sch.uk)

Thank you for your continuous support.

Kind regards

The Year 5 team.