

# Beech Class

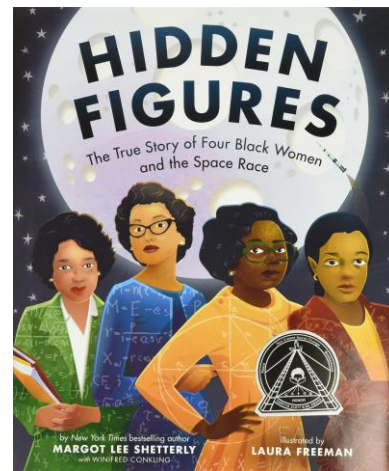
## Spring Newsletter 2026



Welcome back and Happy New Year! We hope you all managed to have a wonderful Christmas break. The children all seemed very excited to see their friends again at the beginning of this week and have made a positive start to 2025. We have a busy half term ahead with lots of interesting learning experiences based around our big question:

**'Why do people do extraordinary things?'**


**English:** We have started our work this week on our new genre of Science Fiction. We have been reading lots of different texts set in futuristic worlds and exploring new vocabulary we have come across. We will be working towards writing our own science fiction story where an alien visits Earth. Later in the term, we will be exploring the text 'Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race' by Margot Lee Shetterly and Laura Freeman. The children will have the opportunity to write formal persuasive letters, diary entries as well as newspaper reports all inspired by this text. This book has links to NASA and space, which we will be exploring throughout our English lessons but also within our Science unit.



Please continue to encourage your child to read regularly (aiming for a minimum 3x a week) at home and to keep a record in their reading diary. It has been great to hear the improvements in children reading regularly at home.

**Maths:** We will be continuing our work on Maths No Problem beginning with work focused on 'Graphs and reading tables' and moving onto 'Fractions'. The children are becoming much more confident at being able to discuss and talk about the strategies they use and their mathematical thinking. We will continue to work on becoming more confident with our times table facts, ensuring that we can build speed in recalling them. Home learning with these key facts is very beneficial. Please help your child to learn these at home, as it really does make such a difference to their mental ability and confidence in lessons in so many different aspects of Maths. We will be continuing with our weekly times tables checks- these will now take place on a Thursday instead of a Friday.

Other areas of learning this term:

<b>Science</b>	<b>RE</b>	<b>Geography</b>	<b>History</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Earth and Space</li> <li>* Working Scientifically</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Why is the Eucharist important to Christians?</li> <li>* Why was the Exodus such a significant event in Jewish and Christian history?</li> <li>* Who was/is Jesus?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* The Coast- countries and cities of Europe</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* What have the Greeks ever done for us?</li> </ul>
<b>Art and Design</b>	<b>P.E</b>	<b>PSHCE</b>	<b>Computing</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Drawing and Painting</li> <li>* 3D- Coil points</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Dance/Gymnastics</li> <li>* Outdoor- Forest School Sessions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* How do we grow and change as we get older?</li> <li>* What decisions can people make with money?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Introduction to Spreadsheets</li> <li>* Vector Drawing</li> </ul>
<b>Design Technology</b>	<b>MFL- Spanish</b>	<b>Music</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Mars Rover Buggies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Fruits</li> <li>* Vegetables</li> <li>* Basic conversation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Iconic musicians from different genres</li> <li>* Playing the ukulele</li> </ul>	

In the Spring term, the pupils will receive a set of lessons on the theme of how their bodies grow and change as they get older. These lessons will focus on puberty and body changes and the children will be taught both together and in separate boy/girl groups. Should you wish to clarify the statutory content that will be taught, you can find more details on the school website in the curriculum section for PSHCE.

Important Dates this half term:

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January: Beech class worship at 9am (all welcome to attend)

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March: Y5/6 trip to Manchester Museum

If you have any queries or questions, then please do not hesitate to send a message via Class Dojo.

Monday-Wednesday: Mrs Robinson

Wednesday-Friday: Mrs Casey

Thank you for your continued support.

**Mrs Robinson, Mrs Casey & Miss Mulvaney**

