

Beech Class

Summer Newsletter 2026

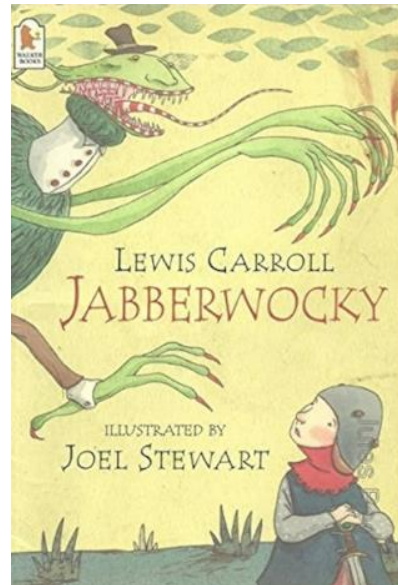
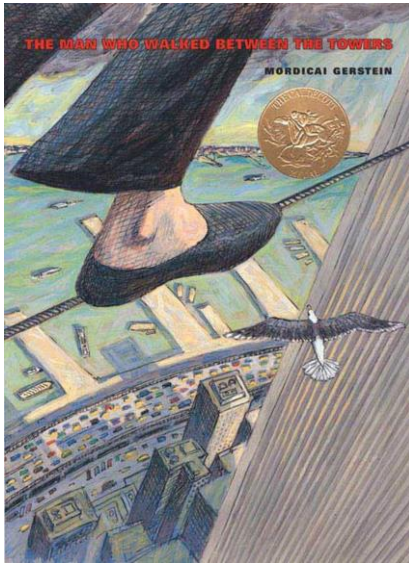


Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after the break- we hope you all had a lovely Easter and managed to enjoy it in spite of the changeable weather. The children returned to school this week refreshed and excited to see their friends again. We can't quite believe we are entering the Summer term already and we have lots of exciting learning opportunities and experiences ahead of us around the theme of our big question:

'Are risks worth taking?'
'Can you be both afraid and courageous?'



In English, we have started work this week on the text 'The Man Who Walked Between the Towers' by Mordicai Gerstein. This book tells the true story of French aerialist Philippe Petit, who threw a tightrope between the two towers of the World Trade Centre and spent an hour performing high-wire tricks. We will explore how a real-life story has been portrayed in fiction and the children will use the text as a stimulus to write first person recounts using figurative language and a newspaper report. Later in the term, we will read the classic poem 'Jabberwocky' by Lewis Carroll and continue to develop our ability to blend dialogue with action and description in our writing as we turn this poem into a narrative.



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 who are reading regularly at home.

In Maths, we will be continuing our work on Maths No Problem beginning with work focused on 'Percentages' and moving onto 'Geometry', 'Area and Perimeter' and 'Measurements' later in the term. We will continue to develop our reasoning skills by working on solving a variety of different problems and considering which operation and strategies are needed to find a solution. To support their Maths learning in school, the children should continue to practise their times tables regularly at home. Having a quick recall of these facts is vital for success in their maths work. Times Table homework continues to be due in on a **Thursday** and will be **tested on the Friday this term.**

Other areas of learning this term:

Science	RE	Geography	P.E
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Earth & Space * Materials 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * What is the importance of Ascension and Pentecost? * People of Faith: How does having faith affect people's lives? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * North America- New York * Biomes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The Joy of Moving Project with Blackburn Rovers Community Trust * Athletics
Art and Design	Design Technology	PSHCE	Computing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Exploring Identity-artist study 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Structures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * How to keep a healthy balanced lifestyle (linked to the Joy of Moving Project in PE) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Video Editing
	MFL- Spanish	Music	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The Date- days of the week/months of the year * In the classroom 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * World Music * Keyboards 	

This first half-term, we are fortunate to have been invited to take part in The Joy of Moving Project. We will be joined by qualified instructors from Blackburn Rovers Community Trust on a Thursday afternoon, who will deliver a practical and theory session with the aims of encouraging physical activity, promoting nutritional education and building awareness of the importance of a healthy diet and active lifestyle.

Important Dates this half term:

- Tuesday 21st April: Lancashire Dance Finals
- Monday 27th April: Virtual Meeting for Y5 Residential trip
- Thursday 4th June: Rock Kidz Workshops - all pupils to come to school dressed as rock stars
- Monday 15th-Tuesday 16th June: Y5 Bushcraft Residential
- Wednesday 17th June: Choir Final
- June (Dates to TBC) : Bikeability
- Wednesday 1st July: Whole School Picnic - 100 year celebration
- Friday 3rd July: Sports Day (Juniors in afternoon)

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

