

Year 5 Newsletter Spring 2026

Hello and welcome back to the new year at Beechwood! We are all so excited to see you back with us and hope you are ready to learn. This term it is important that you remember these few things:

- You must have your own water bottle in school that you have brought in from home. Please label it with your name and class and make sure that it **contains only water**. You must take it home each day and bring it back the following day.
- PE in Y5 is on a MONDAY and THURSDAY this half term for Class 11 and TUESDAY and THURSDAY for Class 12. Please come to school already dressed in your PE kit, wearing trainers with all jewellery removed and long hair tied back.
- Home School Diaries must be brought into school daily
- Attendance remains a priority for the whole school. Please make sure that you are in school on time every day 😊

TSU – WW2

Our topic this term will be World War Two. We will be studying the lives of people in this period both in Leeds and across the world. If you have any artefacts or information you would like to share with us, then feel free to speak to any of the adults in Y5. Please also see the Home Learning Mat which will be on the website and is also in the Home School Diary. If you would like to start finding out information about WW2 at home, then please bring in any home learning to be celebrated and rewarded.

As part of our English, we will also be reading the novel “Goodnight Mr Tom” by author Michelle Magorian. In guided reading, we will look at a range of different texts such as Carrie’s War and Nisha’s War. We have got Matthew Bellwood coming in to work with us to explore the Home Front and life in the UK during the war. We are also booked into Lotherton Hall as part of this topic to explore the life of evacuee children. Another online session with the National Archives will take place where we will discover more about propaganda and its role in WW2.

Bikeability will also take place this term. This free workshop led by experts will teach non riders to ride a bike and riders how to ride safely on the roads. More information will be sent out shortly regarding all visits and visitors.

Homework

Children will continue to receive Maths homework each week. Please also encourage your child to use Times Tables Rockstars at home to continue practicing their times tables facts. A little and often approach of 5 to 10 minutes daily can have a huge impact on their knowledge. Remember to try and read at home as much as possible (minimum 3 x per week) as this really does help with all aspects of your schoolwork. Spellings are given out at the start of the week and must be returned completed on Fridays. Children can access Spelling Shed from home to practice their spellings each week using the assignments that have been set.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Sturman, Mr Jackson and Mrs Chandler