



P.P.S. Beech Class

September 2023
Autumn Term

From the Stone Age to the Iron Age and everything in-between!

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the Autumn term. We hope you had a lovely summer break! This term will have an historical focus; we will be going back in time to The Stone Age, through The Bronze Age and finally arriving at The Iron Age. At each point in time we will be finding out about how people of this time use to live and how they used nature to survive and thrive.

In Science, we will be learning about rocks and fossils. The children will be closely observing different types of rocks and describe their properties, before applying their acquired understanding within investigations and research. They will be taught the meaning of key terms such as permeability, erosion and how different types of rocks and fossils form. If you have any fossils at home that you would not mind your child sharing with the class, this would greatly enhance their experiences. In the second half of this term, and continuing after Christmas, we will be looking at animals including humans. The children will be categorising and discovering how animals as well as humans have skeletons and muscles to help them move.

Our P.E. lessons will take place on Tuesday and Thursday. Please make sure your child has appropriate PE kits on these days. This term, our P.E. lessons will focus on expressing ourselves through dance (with a Stone Age theme.) The children will also be learning to play netball, which will be outside. They will be taught core skills such as passing, intercepting and team work; this will be applied through lots of small and large competitive games.

This is just an outline of what the children will be exploring during this topic. We are using these newsletters to give you information about your child's education as this will replace the foundation subjects comments on the annual report.

Computing lessons this term will focus on Online Safety. The children will get to grips with the how to use the internet safely and securely. Alongside this, the children will be building on their understanding of using Outlook 365 as an emailing platform as well as a place to share and store their work safely. The children will also be learning how to save and retrieve their work independently. Additionally the children will be learning about in puts and outputs and the functionality of a computer.

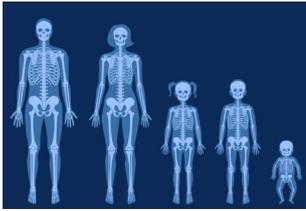
In Art and Design, we will learning to use different sketching pencils, water colours and charcoal. The children will be focusing on the tessellations of Escher, from who we will be drawing inspiration.

In Design and Technology, we will be designing and making, our very own chocolate boxes out of card forming structures through scoring and folding nets. We will be looking at using planning and diagrams to support our understanding. We will be using programs and apps on the computer and tablets to bring our ideas to life!

Over the coming weeks, the children will be learning guitar. It is during these sessions that the children will be learning specific notes and cords. as well as developing their understanding about tempo and rhythm.

In PSHE, children will be thinking about and exploring family and people they can rely on to help them. They will also be thinking about who they can talk to if they have any problems and who relies on them. After the half term, the children will be exploring the idea of friendships and how they can overcome adversity if they friendship groups change.

In geography this term we will be looking at the counties which make up the U.K, children will be building on their knowledge of using a map which



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includes using an atlas as well as newer digital format. The children will also be exploring different power sources and other areas of human and physical geography.

As well as discussing and thinking about the core values that permeate the school's collective worships this term, we will be focusing on Creation in R.E. The children will have the opportunity to explore the meaning of this passage from the Bible and reflect on their understanding of it. After half term, we are focusing on Incarnation and exploring the question of 'What is the Holy Trinity?'

Mrs Soal will be teaching Year 3 French on a Wednesday morning. These lessons this term will focus on how to greet others, introduce themselves and share how they feel. The children will learn how to use the third person singular (he or she), in French, to talk about others. This will be done through songs, games and stories. Towards the end of the term, the children will learn about how Christmas is celebrated in France and the vocabulary related to it.

English and Maths will continue to be taught daily and will, wherever possible, be linked to the topic to give the children's learning cross-curricular context. In English, for example, we will be learning about stories with historical settings and the features of adventure narratives through the text "Stone Age Boy".

As always, we value the support you give your children at home and the work you do with them to consolidate their learning. Year three will be reading daily in class, either independently or with an adult. Our primary focus is to encourage the children to explore reading materials and find enjoyment in reading. It would be helpful, also, if you could

listen to your child read regularly at home and record this in their Reading Records.

Maths homework tasks will be set each week in their maths books and on TT Rockstars. The children's login details will be sent home within the first week. Children will also be given a weekly reading comprehension activity, which can be completed in their homework book. Children will also be set weekly spellings and have access to Spelling Shed, where they can choose activities linked to their spelling words. Additionally, children will be set a retrieval task, which can also be completed in their homework book. Homework will be set on a Thursday and will be collected in on a Tuesday. Times tables and spellings will be tested every week.

We look forward to sharing the children's learning with you over the coming weeks,

Kind regards

Miss Langham

Class teacher