



# P.P.S. Beech Class

April 2022  
Summer Term

## Plants and Animals!

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the summer term. We hope you had a lovely Easter break and managed to enjoy some of the beautiful weather.

In **Science**, we will be learning about plants and forests; how they grow and develop, focusing on the lifecycle and what plants need to thrive. The children will be growing carrots, leeks, potatoes, peas and strawberries in our allotment bed as well as observing sunflowers over time. The children will be learning about how water is transported up the stem and the important role a plant has to play in our environment. In the second half of this term the children will be looking at animals, including humans, and the benefits of nutrition on our bodies including the skeleton. The children will be discussing different food categories and the impact these have on humans and the bodies of animals. They will be taught the meaning of key terms such as nutrition, food, minerals as well as some of the bones which make up the skeletal system.

Our **P.E.** lessons will take place on Tuesday and Friday. Please make sure your child has

appropriate P.E. kits on these days. This term, our P.E. lessons will focus on tennis, which will be outside. They will be taught core skills such as serving, returning and control over the ball; this will also help with hand eye co-ordination. The children will also be starting their swimming lessons.

**Computing** lessons will continue to include elements of Online Safety. The children will continue to learn how to use the internet safely and securely. Alongside this, the children will be building on their understanding of using Scratch, a coding website, where they will be programming sprites to carry out different tasks.

In **Art**, we will be looking at European artists and exploring the mediums they use to create their well known pieces. Later on this term, we will be looking at flowers and using different mediums to create works of art.

In **Design and Technology**, we will be linking this with our science and thinking about healthy meals and choosing healthier alternatives that could be made.

As well as discussing and thinking about the core values that permeate the school's collective worships, our **R.E.** lessons, this term, we will be focusing on Islam and how Muslims show their submission to Allah. Later in the term, we will be focusing on Incarnation-What is the Holy Trinity?

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.



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Mrs Soal will be teaching Year 3 **French** on Wednesday mornings. These lessons will focus on animals as well as using some verbs in a short conversation. In the second half of this term the children will be expressing their likes and dislikes, saying what they would like to buy and eat as well as developing their understanding of sounds and pronunciation.

**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 we will be looking at newspapers, poetry and instruction writing

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, if you could listen to your child read regularly at home and record this in their Reading Record.

Maths homework tasks will be set each week in their homework books and will focus on the four maths operations.

Please can the children practice their mental arithmetic by accessing TT Rockstars. The children should already have their login details. Children will also be given a weekly reading comprehension activity, which can be completed in their homework books as well as a reading challenge on Reading Progress in Teams.

Occasionally, paper tasks will also be set for the children to complete in their homework books. Spellings will follow the National Curriculum spelling patterns and weekly lists will also include two words from the Year 3 statutory list. Homework will be set on a Thursday and will be collected in on a Tuesday. A weekly spelling test will take place on Tuesday and times tables will be tested every week on a Friday.

We look forward to sharing the children's learning with you over the summer term .

Kind regards

Miss Langham

Class teacher