



P.P.S. Beech Class

April 2023
Summer Term

Forces and Light!

Dear Parents,

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

In the first half term in **science** we will be learning about forces. The children will be closely observing different types of forces and describe their properties, before applying their acquired understanding within investigations and research. They will be taught the meaning of key terms such as push, pull and how magnets attract certain objects and repel others. In the second half of the summer term we will be looking at light and learning about how shadows are formed.

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 this term 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

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.

programming sprites to carry out different tasks. Additionally, the children will be learning about desktop publishing identifying the difference between images and text as well as learning to create their on magazine cover using publisher.

In **Art and Design**, we will be learning about sculpture with a focus on paper machê. The children will be focusing on building textures and effective design to create their own sculptures using this medium. The artist we will be learning about is named Henry Pearson; he is famous for his use of paper machê when creating spheres. We will be using his work as inspiration when completing our own pieces of art.

In **Design and Technology**, we will be thinking and learning about healthy meals and choosing healthier alternatives. We will be doing some cooking in the second half of the summer term using fresh healthy ingredients.

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. In the first half term we will be looking at how Muslims show their submission to Allah. In the second half term will be continuing to look at Islam, as the children will be developing their understanding of the Qu'ran and the religious practices that take place.

In **PSHE** children will be looking at building good relationships online, gaming and social media. Children will be learning about positive and negative elements to these areas, and identifying how they can keep themselves safe, whilst playing



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Sculpture and healthy eating!

and communicating online.

In **music** we will be using Sing Up! This helps the children to gain a better understanding on music culture as well as developing their understanding of voice control and pitch. In the first half term we will be learning about sound symmetry. In the second half of the term we will be focusing on developing music through body and vocal percussion.

In **geography** the children will be learning about our region the South East, looking at the climate of our area as well as land use, local towns and cities.

Mrs Soal will be teaching Year 3 **French** on Wednesday mornings and then in the second half term a Tuesday morning. 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. 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