



P.P.S. Beech Class

January 2022
Spring Term

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

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the Spring term. I hope you had a lovely Christmas break. This term we will be continuing to 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 used to live and how they used nature to survive and thrive.

In Science, we will be finishing off our learning about light and moving onto looking at forces including magnets. 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 this term, we will be looking at nutrition and why certain foods give our bodies what they need to thrive.

Our PE lessons will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday Please make sure your child has appropriate PE kits on these days. This term, our PE lessons will focus on gymnastics where

the children will become familiar with using equipment as well as using floor space effectively. The children will also be learning to cricket, which will be outside weather dependent. They will be taught core skills such as how to get a run, holding the bat correct as well as key throwing techniques

Computing lessons this term will focus on using Office 365 as both an emailing platform but also as a way to create word documents and PowerPoints. The children will get to grips with the how to use the internet safely and securely.

In Art, we will be looking at different mediums with the focus on landscapes. Children will be using techniques such as collaging, sketching and using oil pastilles to create different affects.

In Design and Technology, we will be designing and making, our very own Stone Age houses out of clay and natural resources, which we will be collecting ourselves. Linking with our Science and Literacy the children will be making shadow puppets to retell the 'Blackout' story.

As well as discussing and thinking about the core values that permeate the school's collective worships this term, In R.E. we will be completing our unit on Islam and moving onto people of God before returning to a different aspect of Islam.

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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Savage Stone Age/ Sources of Light

Mrs Soal will be teaching Year 3 French on Wednesday afternoons. The lessons this term will focus on numbers, months of the year and birthdays. There will also be a focus on the phonetical element of French. This will be done through songs, games and stories. Towards the end of the term the children will be naming parts of the body, colours and using adjectives.

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 using the story 'Blackout' by John Rocco which link to science and D.T.

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 homework books and TT

Rockstars. Children will also be given a weekly reading comprehension activity which can be completed in their homework books. We also ask children to complete their spelling activities on Ed Shed. Homework will be set on a Wednesday and will be collected in on a Tuesday. Spellings will follow the National Curriculum spelling patterns and weekly lists will also include two words from the Year 3 statutory list. 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