

P.P.S. Beech Class

April 2025 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 of 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 Wednesday and Thursday. 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 building on their skills in dance.

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

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.

they will be 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, we will be explore the works of Malevich where the children will be using different mediums and tools to replicate some of his work. As their final piece children will be creating their own artwork in the style of Malevich,

In Design and Technology, we will be enhancing our sewing skills and will be deigning and making a tote bags using pillow cases.

As well as discussing and thinking about the core values that permeate the school's collective worships., during our R.E. lessons, this half term we will be looking at people of God. More specifically Noah and how he showed his faith in God and explore why this story from the Bible is still so important to Christians today. After May half term we will returning to the religion Islam and exploring in more depth how Muslims show their submission to Allah,

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 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



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Newspapers and Sewing!

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 uses and local towns and cities.

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 and instruction writing. After May half term we will be writing poetry and animal fact files.

In Maths the children are continuing to learn about mass and capacity. We will be returning to build on our knowledge of fractions as well as looking at money, time, shape and statistics towards the end of the term.

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 on Purple Mash and will link to our maths in class. Please can the children practice their times tables by accessing TT Rockstars. The children should already have their login details for all of the online platforms used for homework. Children will also continue to be given a weekly reading comprehension activity, which can be completed 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