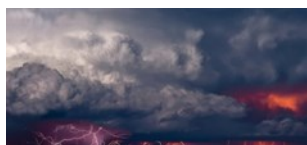




P.P.S. Beech Class

April 2017
Summer Term



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Dear Parents/Carers,

This term we are doing things a bit differently; the children have been asked to lead their learning by having their say in our topic choice. The National Curriculum will be weaved in around the children's interests to ensure that we can make learning as fun and exciting as possible. If you're intrigued, why not come along to our sharing assembly on June 7th and see what we have achieved?

In Science, we will be acquiring an understanding of how the human body works and what makes our bodies capable of performing incredible feats of endurance, strength and balance. Our learning will cover the circulatory system, nutrition and our skeletons.

Our PE lessons will take place on Mondays and Thursdays. Children will be learning games and sports to improve their balance, co-ordination, strength and fitness. This term we will be focusing on cricket, rounders and athletics. We are also lucky enough to have a specialist PE coach joining our lessons on a Monday to improve our cricket skills.

Computing lessons will give children the opportunity to develop PowerPoint presentations and use the internet as a research tool. We will also return to coding and use programmes such as Scratch to develop children's ability to use and improve algorithms.

Our History focus from Spring term will continue

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into the Summer. We will be exploring some local history and consider some of the major changes that have occurred in and around Petworth. We will discover how historical events can be presented in different ways and relate this to our topic. For example, the storm on 1987 and the invention of Stoolball.

Art lessons will focus on developing children's ability to mix and blend colours. We will use photographs from our PE lessons to develop our observational sketching and learn some new painting techniques to depict forces of nature like lightning.

In Design and Technology we will put our scientific knowledge of nutrition into practise by designing, planning and cooking savoury food to meet a particular athlete's needs. For example, a long distance runner needing plenty of carbohydrate to fuel their energy levels. Children will get to choose the athlete they are designing their dish for and create the food accordingly. As part of the process, children will learn about food hygiene and using kitchen equipment safely.

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Of course, English and Maths will be taught on a daily basis and will often be linked to the topic areas listed above. If you would like any additional information about this term's learning please don't hesitate to ask me.

As a school we are continuing our focus on reading and we are inviting parents in to school for a reading showcase. This is designed to give parents

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ideas about how to support their children's reading at home and to provide an opportunity to see how reading skills progress over different year groups.

Spellings will follow the National Curriculum patterns along with two words from the statutory list. Arithmetic and spellings will be tested on a weekly basis.

The children have come such a long way this year and it has been a pleasure to see their enthusiasm, ability and personalities grow and develop. I look forward to sharing their final term's learning with you.

Kind Regards,

Mr Neary – Class Teacher