



P.P.S. Beech Class

April 2021
Summer Term

From an egg to a duck!

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the Summer term. We hope you had a lovely Easter break and managed to enjoy some eased restrictions. This term will have an animal focus; we have been very fortunate to have been donated some runner duck eggs, which have taken residence in Beech class! The children will be spending time observing (28 days) and learning new information about these lovely creatures, until the eggs are ready to hatch.

In Science, we will be learning about animals, including humans, the benefits of nutrition on our bodies and exploring a human skeleton. The children will be discussing different food categories and the impact these have on the human 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. In the second half of this term, we will be looking at plants and forests and how they can make their own food, through photosynthesis.

Our PE lessons will take place on Monday and Thursday. Please make sure your child has

appropriate PE kits on these days. This term, our PE lessons will focus on gymnastics, which will be inside. The children will also be learning to play tennis, which will be outside. They will be taught core skills such as serving, returning and control over the ball. This will also help develop their hand eye co-ordination.

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 programming sprites to carry out different tasks.

In Art, we will be looking at natural artists who use nature as their inspiration and landscapes. 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 link this with our science and thinking about healthy meals and exploring healthier alternatives that could be made.

As well as discussing and thinking about the core values that permeate the school's collective worships this term, we will be focusing on incarnation and in the later term holy books during our R.E. lessons.

Mrs Soal will be teaching Year 3 French on Wednesday morning. These lessons this

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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term 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, for example, we will be using the ducks as inspiration to write newspaper reports and stories.

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 Records.

Maths homework tasks will be set each week on Prodigy and TT Rockstars. The children should already have their login details following home learning. Children will also continue to be given a

weekly reading comprehension activity, which should be completed in their homework books. Occasionally, paper tasks will also be set for the children to complete in their homework books. Homework will be set on a Wednesday and will be collected in on a Tuesday. Spellings will follow the National Curriculum spelling patterns and the children's weekly lists will also include two words from the Year 3 statutory word list. Times tables and spellings will be tested every week on a Friday

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

Kind regards

Miss Langham

Class teacher