



P.P.S. Beech Class

September 2020
Autumn Term

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

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the Autumn term. We hope you had a lovely summer break and managed to enjoy some of the beautiful weather. This term will have an historical focus; we will be going back in time to the Stone Age, through to 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 learning about rocks and fossils. The children will be closely observing different types of rocks and describe their properties, before applying their acquired understanding within investigations and research. They will be taught the meaning of key terms such as *permeability*, *erosion* and how different types of rocks and fossils form. If you have any fossils at home that you would not mind your child sharing with the class, this would greatly enhance their experiences. In the second half of this term, we will be looking at light and how shadows are formed based on the direction of the source.

Our **P.E.** lessons will take place on Monday and Tuesday. Please make sure your child has appropriate P.E. kits on these days. This term, our P.E. lessons will focus on expressing ourselves through dance (with a Stone Age theme.) The

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.

children will also be learning to play tag rugby, which will be outside. They will be taught core skills such as passing, intercepting and tactical team working will be applied through lots of small and large team competitive games as we near the end of this unit.

Computing lessons this term will focus on *Online Safety*. The children will get to grips with the how to use the internet safely and securely. Alongside this, the children will be building on their understanding of using Outlook as an emailing platform as well as a place to share and store their work safely.

In **Art**, we will be reverting to our Stone Age ancestors and using different mediums to create cave painting with an authentic manner. Later on this term, we will have cross curricular links with both our topic and science as we sketch rocks and fossils using shading to bring our objects to life!

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.

As well as discussing and thinking about the core values that permeate the school's collective worship this term, we will be focusing on Creation in R.E. The children will have the opportunity to explore the meaning of this passage from the Bible and reflect on their understanding of it. During the last part of this term we will be looking at inspirational people more specifically, Muhammed,

Mrs Soal will be teaching Year 3 **French** on



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Thursday morning. These lessons this term will focus on how to greet others, introduce themselves and share how they feel. The children will learn how to use the third person singular (he or she) in French to talk about others. This will be done through games and stories. Towards the end of the term, the children will learn about how Christmas is celebrated in France and the vocabulary related to it.

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 learning about stories with historical settings and the features of adventure narratives through the text "Stone Age Boy".

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 on Prodigy and TT Rockstars. The children's login details will be sent home within the first week. 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. 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