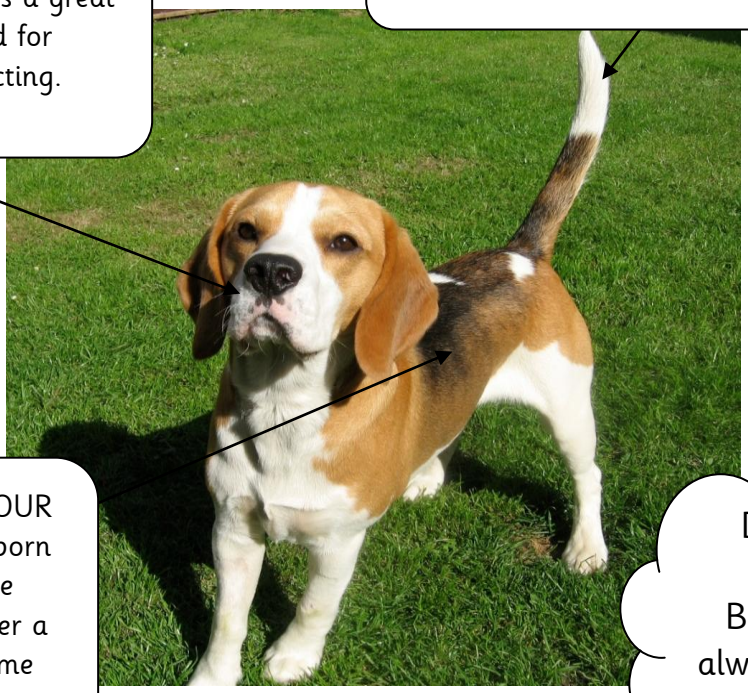
Who knows best?
The Beagle

The Beagle is a sturdy hound dog. It is similar in appearance to the foxhound but is slightly smaller with shorter legs and rounder ears.
Beagles have existed for over 2,000 years but the modern breeds came to the UK in the 1830s.

A beagle has distinctive features which are used for hunting. They are highlighted below:

MUZZLE
The muzzle is long in beagles and houses a great sense of smell used for tracking and detecting.

WHITE TIPPED TAIL
This is to make sure the beagle is visible when his nose is to the ground. When following a scent it is completely straight.



CHANGING COLOUR
Beagles who are born black and white change colour after a few months. Some lose their black colouring altogether.

DID YOU KNOW?
Beagles are always hungry!

FACTS ABOUT BEAGLES

FACT	INFORMATION
Popularity	Beagles are far more popular in the United States and Canada that in its original country of England.
Origin	Modern beagles originate from England however its ancestors can be traced back to Greece.
Size	Beagles can be described as small to medium dogs. Males are around 40cm high with females around 25cm high.
Build	The beagle is a very muscular dog that requires plenty of exercise to keep in shape. Usually three long walks every day.
Looks	With long floppy ears and a smooth coat, the beagle is an attractive dog.
Colour	Beagles come in a variety of colours ranging from black, white, tan, red, lemon and white. The tricoloured variety is the most common.
Temperament	Beagles are even tempered, neither aggressive nor timid. They are also friendly, loyal, sociable and cheerful. Sometimes they can be stubborn!
Abilities	Originally bred to hunt for hare, fish and game birds – the beagle has an acute sense of smell.

Exercise.

Every dog owner has a duty of care to make sure that their dog gets at least one walk every day. Unlike most activities dog walking is something that the whole family can enjoy and doesn't cost a penny!

PUPPY EXERCISING

Puppies need a lot less exercise than fully grown dogs. If you over-exercise a growing puppy you can overtire it and damage its developing joints.
This table identifies how much exercise is recommended:

5 minutes of exercise	Per month of age (twice a day)

Dogs need to go out and explore everyday. Time spent in the garden is no substitute for socialising with other dogs and visiting new places.

EXERCISE FOR ADULTS

The government recommends that adults should exercise for 30 minutes each day. This can be easily achieved daily when you have a dog, making sure that the whole family is fit and healthy. Dogs exercise varies greatly on the breed but a good rule to remember is that all dogs need at least one if not two walks every day to keep them healthy.

How to care for your puppy.

Puppies should leave their mothers at around 8 weeks. Puppies should be fed several small meals a day. Make sure fresh water is available.

Regular vaccination boosters will be needed throughout a puppy's life.
Regular worming and flea treatments are also needed.

In a morning always take your puppy out to the toilet and praise when they go outside. Give lots of praise when your puppy toilets in the correct place. Take your puppy to the place that they like to go to toilet.

Chewing is a natural pastime for puppies, so do not stop them. Just ensure that they are chewing things that they have been given rather than your slippers. Rawhide chews, nylon bones and large hard biscuits are great.