

Year One Curriculum Newsletter



Literacy

This half-term we will begin literacy by focussing on the story "Somebody Swallowed Stanley" by Sarah Roberts.

The children will begin their learning by looking carefully at what wonderful creatures live in the sea. They will write descriptions, statements and make predictions about who could have swallowed Stanley.

The children will participate in role play, taking on the roles of the jellyfish and they will create fact files, poems and even make their own paper bag. A key theme which runs through this story is about plastic pollution and the children will begin to develop their understanding of why this is very important to help protect our world.

At the end of the unit the children will create their own report about a sea creature.

Summer one



Last day of term:

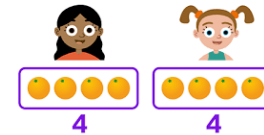
Friday 22nd May

Mathematics

This half term the children will begin with a topic on counting in 2,5 and 10's. Children will begin to recognise and make equal groups by sharing and grouping.

We will follow this with a unit on fractions. We will learn how to find halves and quarters of shapes and quantities.

Alongside these units, we will continue arithmetic lessons during which we will practise fluency solving calculations and work on quick recall facts such as number bonds to 20, two, five and ten times tables and doubles facts.



Dates for your diary . . .

Bank Holiday	Monday 4 th May
Skip 2B fit	Tuesday 5 th May
Boston Park Farm Trip	Friday 8 th May
Last day of term	Friday 22 nd May

Religious Education

During this half-term our religious focus will be Buddhism

The question we will be looking to answer will be

"Why is the story of the Buddha important to some Buddhists?"

The children will learn all about Siddhartha Gautama who became known as the Buddha, the enlightened one. They will learn all about the story of the Buddha and they will begin to relate this to their own lives and how we as individuals can look after people and think about others just as the Buddha did.



Jigsaw (PSHE)

This half term, our Jigsaw topic is Relationships. Throughout the term, children will explore their own families and begin to understand that families can be different in many ways.

They will learn how to be a good friend, reflect on the qualities they bring to friendships, and consider what they can do to make new friends.

The children will also think about how we can show appreciation to people who are special to us. In addition, they will develop a greater awareness of the important role played by people who help them in school.



Art

This half term, our focus will be on artists who depict flora and fauna in their work, particularly those who create drawings and paintings featuring flowers, animals, and insects.

We will begin by exploring the work of Henri Rousseau. The children will learn how to sketch flowers and insects, using graphite sticks and oil pastels to create a range of effects.

They will then work collaboratively to create minibeast collages, before finishing the topic by painting their own flower meadow scenes.

Science

This half term, our topic will focus on *plants*. The children will begin by exploring the signs of spring through a walk around the school grounds.

They will then learn about the different parts of a plant and the important role each part plays in keeping the plant healthy.

Throughout the half term, the children will also begin to learn the names of some common wildflowers and trees

Geography

In Geography we will explore recycling and what can and cannot be recycled. The children will practically sort materials to learn which are environmentally friendly and will begin to understand what plastic pollution does to our environment over time.



Music

In music, the children will take part in a music and story project. We will watch a performance by the Royal Scottish National Orchestra of 'The Flight of the Bumblebee'. This piece of music is inspired by a story of a Prince which we will listen to. We will conclude the project by drawing pictures alongside the music.

In the second part of the half term, we will be learning how to improvise with both rhythm and melody.

Computing

In computing the children will learn more about the role of they keyboard. The children will learn how to add and remove text. The children will also learn how to edit text and create their own short pieces of text about sea creatures.

Just a reminder that the Phonics Screening test is fast approaching. We will be sending home weekly homework for the children to complete to encourage extra reading and sound recognition practise. We may also send home QR codes of videos for the children to watch.

Thank you



Please remember the daily essentials:



Your child's book bag containing their reading record and any books they currently have. Remember to listen to your child read at least three times a week and record this each time in their yellow reading record.



A water bottle – please do not put juice in your child's bottle, only water please.



As the weather begins to warm up, please provide your child with a sun hat and apply sunscreen before school.



PE Kits must be brought to school every Monday and will remain in school until the end of the week. Your child should have a plain white t-shirt and black shorts. As we begin to have more lessons outside, it is important that children also have trainers/pumps and socks.

