

Year 2 Spring 1 Newsletter
Theme: Protecting Our Oceans

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a lovely break.

Here is a brief overview of the things your children will be learning about this half term.

Our fiction unit in English we will be to retell a narrative with a message. 'The Odd Fish' is the book we will use as a stimulus for writing. Children will be encouraged to use shared examples alongside their existing knowledge about plastic pollution and the problems it can cause in the oceans. Our non-fiction piece will be to write a persuasive information text to inform the reader how they can help our oceans. The curriculum objectives we will be aiming to use in our writing are listed below.

- I can write sentences with different forms: statement, question, exclamation, command
- I can write in the third person
- I can use because, if and when to extend my ideas subordination
- I can write in the present and past tenses correctly and consistently (some progressive)
- I can use punctuation correctly - exclamation marks, question marks
- I can describe and specify using adjectives and similes
- I can use suffixes where no change is needed to the root of the word e.g. ed, -ing, -er, -est
- I can use adverbs of time to sequence events (suddenly, after) and adverbs for additional detail (quickly, frantically)
- I can use singular possessive apostrophe and apostrophe for contraction (fish's/don't)
- I can use commas to separate items in a list
- I can choose verbs for effect

In our reading lessons this half term we will continue to focus fluency, prosody and comprehension skills.

In maths we will firstly be continuing our learning around 2d and 3 d shapes. Later in the term we will develop money skills which will involve counting pence and pounds recognising the difference in their value, making the same amount in different ways and adding and subtracting amounts. Afterwards, children will use the remaining two operations - multiplication and division. To solve multiplication and division calculations, children will be encouraged to use manipulatives to work practically and draw arrays to show ways of grouping a repeated amount. As always, the children will develop their fluency, reasoning and problem-solving skills throughout all their maths lessons. To develop your child's resilience with maths and their understanding of the reasoning and problem-solving questions, please continue to work with your child on their Mathletics homework each week.

In science this half term our unit is called 'Growing Up'. Children will be learning about life cycles of different animals, noticing that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults, finding out about and describing the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival (water, food and air) and recognising the importance for humans to exercise, eat the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene.

In geography we will be strengthening our knowledge of continents, countries and oceans. Children will be expected to name and locate the seven continents and five oceans, recognising some key human and physical features of each and share facts about their size and climates depending on where they are located in relation to the equator.

In computing our first session is always learning to support online safety. This session teaches when to deny permission online. Children will learn new vocabulary and be involved in 'agree/disagree' discussions. Our main unit is 'Robot Algorithms' where children will sequence instructions to have a desired effect on screen.

In art we will 'getting messy' in expressive painting.

Mrs Outram will continue to teach RE (How and why do some pray?), Music (Ocarina and composition) and PSHE (Citizenship).

PE will continue to take place on Wednesday and Thursday.

Wednesday – dance

Thursday - gymnastics

Important Date – Friday 23rd January – Year 2 Class Assembly @2.40pm - 3pm.

Many thanks,

Miss Saxton