

# YEAR ONE TOPIC NEWSLETTER

## Spring Term 2024

### Under the Sea (6 weeks)

During this topic, the children's imagination will be captured by a fantastic dance and music workshop using sea themed songs. In literacy, the children will listen to the story of 'The Journey Home' and will use this to write their own fantasy story. We will also read the book 'Clean Up' to understand and write about why it is important to keep our beaches clean. History will play a significant role in this topic, as we will learn about how a day at a Victorian seaside would have been like and also all about the Titanic. In Science, we will begin to classify animals by using terminology such as amphibians and reptiles. In maths, we will be working on our number knowledge by adding and subtracting with numbers up to 20 and then learning our numbers to 50. As our 'Fab Finish' to this topic, we are inviting you to a coffee morning where you will be able to listen to a song and a poem and then create a piece of art work with your child.



*Squirrels and Badgers: Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 9-9:45am*  
*Hedgehogs and Rabbits: Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 10-10:45am*

## Home Learning Activity

There are many activities that you could do to support our topic at home. We have outlined a few ideas below to get you started:

- Take a trip to your local library and look for some non-fiction books about life under the sea
- Choose your favourite under the sea creature and write a fact sheet, poster or book about it
- Create a picture of your chosen sea creature with labels
- Create a 3D model of your favourite under the sea creature

We look forward to seeing all of the children's fantastic home learning. Each child will be able to share their home learning with the class and receive a certificate.

Please send in your home learning projects by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024.

## PE – Gymnastics, Dance, Games

In dance, we will use 'Under the Sea' music to help the children create expressive dance routines. In outdoor games, we follow a scheme called 'Get Set 4 PE' which is fully aligned to the National Curriculum and Ofsted requirements and it focuses on the development of agility, balance and coordination and cooperative learning. Please note the change in day for outdoor games for Squirrels and Badgers.

Squirrels: Indoor PE: Monday Outdoor PE: Thursday

Badgers: Indoor PE: Wednesday Outdoor PE: Thursday

Hedgehogs: Indoor PE: Thursday Outdoor PE: Wednesday

Rabbits: Indoor PE: Tuesday Outdoor PE: Monday

Your child's PE bag will be sent home at the end of each term for a wash. Please ensure that a full kit is provided, including shorts for gymnastics and dance and long tracksuit bottoms for when the children complete games outside. Any earrings must be removed (tape is not permitted) on PE days and long hair must always be tied back.

## PSHE & Religion and Worldviews

This half term, the focus for our PSHE lessons will be 'Dreams and Goals', where we will talk about different achievements that we have had. We will also discuss goal setting and how it feels to be challenged and achieve a goal. In Religion and Worldviews, the children will learn about Sikhism.



## Focus Author

This term, we will focus on the author Emily Gravett, the writer of stories such as 'Wolves', 'Too Much Stuff', 'Tidy' and 'Meerkat Mail'.

## Calendar Dates

4<sup>th</sup> January – Jumbie Pans 'Sparkly Starter' (children only)

19<sup>th</sup> January – non-uniform day for MyTime charity

6<sup>th</sup> February – safer internet day

9<sup>th</sup> February – Under the Sea 'Fab Finish' – we hope you can join us!

Many thanks for your continued support,  
Miss Snow, Miss Laws, Mrs Watson, Mrs Cole, Mrs Lee

