

YEAR ONE TOPIC NEWSLETTER

Spring Term 2022

Under the Sea (7 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 and all about the Titanic! While in Science, we will begin to classify animals by using terminology such as amphibians and reptiles. For 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 the Fab Finish to this topic, we are inviting you to a coffee morning where you can view your child's work and watch your child perform poems and under the sea themed songs.



Squirrels and Badgers: Friday 11th February 9-9:45am

Hedgehogs and Rabbits: Friday 11th February 10-10:45am

Home Learning Activity

There are many activities 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 your fantastic home learning journey with your child. Each child will be able to share their home learning with the class and receive a certificate!

Please send in any home learning projects by Friday 4th February 2021.

P.E. – 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: PE- Monday Outdoor Games: Thursday

Badgers: PE - Wednesday Outdoor Games: Thursday

Hedgehogs: PE- Thursday Outdoor Games: Wednesday

Rabbits: PE- Tuesday Outdoor Games: 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 on PE/Outdoor Games days and long hair must always be tied back.

P.S.H.E. and RE

This half term the focus for our PSHE lessons will be 'Dreams and Goals', where we will talk about difference achievements we have had. We will also discuss goal setting and how it feels to be challenge and achieve a goal. In RE the children will continue to learn about Christianity and in particular, Jesus as a friend.



Focus Author

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

Calendar Dates

6th January – Music and Dance Workshop

11th February – Under the Sea Tea Party

15th and 16th February – Parent Consultations

Many thanks for your continued support,

The Year One Teaching Staff - Mrs Adams, Mrs Blake-McKeown, Mrs Watson, Mrs Cole, Miss Excell

