



## Spring 2 Newsletter

# Welcome back to Spring 2!

We hope you have had a wonderful half term and are ready for an action packed Spring 2!

This half term we will be basing our learning around: Under the Sea.

## Reading for Pleasure!

We have been looking at how we can enjoy reading, why we should read outside of lessons and what books we would like more of in our classes. Did you complete the reading challenge with your child? What books have they read? What did you learn about their reading and their interests?

These are the books we have read this year so far, can you talk to your child about these books.



## Reading

In year 1, we use the RWI programme to support reading. To support your child at home, please read with your child as often as you can. This can include them being read to as well as listening to them read. Please leave a comment in their yellow reading log when you have read with your child.

## Writing

Our writing units this term are linked to our topic of 'Under the Sea'. We will be reading 'The Rainbow Fish' and writing some setting descriptions from his point of view. We will also be writing a recount of our trip to the SeaLife Aquarium.

## Maths

In Maths this half term, we will be covering:

**Shapes and Patterns** - Pupils will learn to group shapes according to different criteria. This will also lead to recognising, describing and continuing a pattern, as well as generalising patterns.

**Height and length** - Pupils will compare lengths and describe whether something is taller, shorter or longer. They will learn how to measure two objects for comparison using items and body parts, before moving on to measuring using a ruler.

**Numbers to 40** - Pupils will be exploring numbers to 40 in a variety of ways. The beginning of the chapter focuses on counting to 40 in different ways and writing numbers to 40. As the sequence progresses, pupils are comparing numbers and looking at number patterns.

## History and Geography

We will be exploring different oceans, seas and the continents. We will also explore and compare our local area with a coastal area of the UK. To support your child's learning with this, there are some great songs and videos on YouTube that are fun and engaging!  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K6DSMZ8b3LE> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X6BE4VcYngQ>

## Dates for your Diary

Monday 24th February e safety week

Thursday 27th February Voces8 Vocal project Years 1 2 3 4

Friday 7th March World Book Day dress up

Friday 7th March 3.30pm School council book sale

Monday 10th March science week

Tuesday 11th March The Yard Drama group starts

Thursday 13th March VOCES8 Years 1 2 3 4

Tuesday 18th March Parents Evening 3.30-5pm

Wednesday 19th March Parents Evening 3.30-6pm

Friday 21st March Year 1 Aquarium Trip

Friday 4th April Year 1 Family Assembly 1.30pm

Friday 4th April - end of term 2pm finish

Monday 21st April Bank Holiday

Tuesday 22nd April Summer 1 term starts

## Campaign

This term our campaign will be linked to our topic 'Under the Sea' and 'Keep Kind'. We will be learning about how plastic waste pollutes the ocean and what we can do to help. We will also be making a piece of artwork out of recycled materials.

## Science

This term in science we will be focusing on seasonal changes, planting and sustainability. We will be learning about changes that happen during the spring and recording weather changes. We will also be learning about why it is important to look after our planet and what we can do to help.

## ICT

Our topic this half term is 'Data and Information'. During this unit year 1 will be introduced to the important aspects of data and information - labelling, grouping, and searching.

## PSHE

This half term our PSHE unit is 'Healthy Me'. Year 1 will be learning to make healthy choices. We will also be learning about medicine safety and road safety.

## RE

This term in RE we will be focussing on Islam. We will be learning about the beliefs of those who believe in the Islamic faith.

## PE

PE lessons this half term will focus on football and gymnastics.

Class PE Day: **Friday**

Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on **Fridays**.

## Music

In music, we will continue learning about rhythm and beat.

## Spanish

This half term, we will be learning names and greetings.

## Art and DT

This term we are focussing on DT. Year1 will be designing an aquarium by using sliders and levers.

**Please come and speak with me if you have any questions or concerns and I look forward to working with you all.**

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