



Year 1 Newsletter



Our learning this half term:

Subject	Enquiry question	
Talk 4 Writing	Finding Tales	We have begun learning a model text of 'The Storm Whale' written by Benji Davies and will be writing our own finding tales.
Maths	<i>Fractions, geometry and time</i>	This week we have been learning about half of a shape and a quantity and will further this learning next week when finding a quarter of a shape and quantity. We will also be learning about position and direction when describing turns, as well as telling time to the hour and half hour. We have been learning our 2x table too!
Science	<i>Are there plants that flower in every season?</i>	We will be naming the basic parts of plants and trees, comparing plants across the seasons and identifying common and wild garden plants. We have also planted some runner bean seeds and are very excited about watching these grow over time.
Geography	<i>Why is it important to look after our oceans?</i>	We will be comparing oceans and seas and will be thinking about why it is important to take care of them. We will learn the names of the 5 oceans of the world and the seas/oceans that surround the UK. We will also be learning about the physical and human features we might see near the sea/ocean.
PSHE	<i>Relationships</i>	We will be exploring the relationships that we have with our friends and families and understand that these are different for everyone. We will talk about what it means to be a good friend and learn who can help us in our community.
PE	<i>Coordination – sending and receiving</i>	We will be developing our ball skills whilst sending and receiving using a range of different sized balls.
Music	<i>Vocal and body sounds</i>	We will be using vocal and body sounds to represent sounds from the seaside.
DT	<i>Textiles – Puppet making</i>	We are going to be practising the different steps needed to create a hand puppet of one of the characters from 'The Storm Whale'. This week, we practised joining fabrics together using the methods of glue, safety pins and staples.
RE	<i>What happens in the daily life of a Hindu?</i>	We are going to be learning about two festivals that are celebrated by Hindu families: Holi and Diwali. Hindus believe that good overcomes evil and we will be discovering how a Hindu child can uphold this believe in their daily life.
Computing	<i>Creating media – digital writing</i>	We will be exploring and becoming familiar with using the keyboard on a laptop to add and remove text. We will also be thinking about how we can keep safe online and what to do if we are ever worried about something.

Phonics

Just a little reminder that the phonics screening check will be taking place for all Year 1 children during the week of June 12th. As per the homework grid, the most helpful thing you can do at home is read, read and read! 😊 This could be via your child's Sounds Write decodable book or through the phonics play website:

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/resources> where there are a range of free resources that you can access. We would particularly encourage you to practise reading words with split spellings in: a-e, e-e, i-e, o-e and u-e (cake, even, time, phone, tune) as these can be trickier to spot. Other sounds that can sometimes be seen as trickier to identify are:

'au' – haunt

'ir' – whirl

'ue' – glue

And 'aw' – straw.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask!