

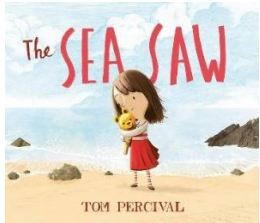


YEAR 1 AND 2

SUMMER TERM NEWSLETTER

Welcome back to school and to the start of our summer term! We hope you all had a restful break and are ready for an exciting few months of learning, exploring and having fun together. This term is always a special one - full of sunshine (we hope!), new topics to discover, and lots of opportunities to celebrate how much the children have grown. We are looking forward to seeing their confidence continue to blossom as they take on new challenges and enjoy their final term of the school year.

ENGLISH



This half term in English, we will be exploring two wonderful books: 'This Rabbit Belongs to Emily Brown' by Cressida Cowell and 'The Sea Saw' by Tom Percival. We will start by diving into 'This Rabbit Belongs to Emily Brown', a fun and exciting story about a brave girl and her very special toy rabbit. The children will be learning about characters, settings, and how to retell a story in their own words. Later in the term, we'll read 'The Sea Saw', a beautiful tale about a lost teddy bear and the journey it takes across the sea. Throughout both units, the children will take part in discussions, drama activities, sentence writing, and creative tasks to help them develop their reading and writing skills. We're looking forward to lots of imagination, storytelling, and brilliant work!

MATHS

Next term in maths, Year 2 will be exploring fractions, time and statistics. In our fractions unit, the children will be learning to recognise and find halves, quarters, two-quarters, and three-quarters of shapes and amounts. They will also be using practical resources, food, and folding activities to help them understand that fractions are equal parts of a whole. The children will also be developing their understanding of time. They will be practising how to read the time to the nearest quarter hour and the nearest five minute.

Year 1 will be learning about numbers from 50–100, money, and measurement. The children will be building their confidence with larger numbers as they practise counting forwards and backwards within 100, reading and writing numbers and comparing. They will also be exploring number patterns and using number lines to support their understanding. The children will also be introduced to money. They will be learning to recognise and name coins and notes, combine different amounts, and make simple comparisons between values. In measurement, the class will be working with length, height, mass, and capacity.



SCIENCE



This term in science, we are starting two brand-new topics all about plants and living things and their habitats. We are very excited to become nature explorers and learn all about the wonderful world around us! In our plants topic, we will identify and describe the structure of flowering, garden and wild plants.

We will link seasonal knowledge to understanding of different types of trees. We will embed knowledge of how to grow and care for plants

In our living things and habitats topic, children will learn about the difference between things that are alive and dead and the habitats that provide life for animals and plants.

GEOGRAPHY

This term in Geography, the children will be learning all about the seaside in our topic 'Beside the Sea'. We will explore what it is like to visit the coast, the features we might find there, and how seaside places are different from where we live. The children will learn to identify physical features such as beaches, cliffs, rock pools, and the sea, as well as human features like piers, promenades, lighthouses, and harbours. They will look at maps to see where coastal areas are in the UK and talk about what people do at the seaside, both for fun and for work. Through pictures, videos, and simple fieldwork activities, the children will build their knowledge of different environments and develop their geographical vocabulary.



HISTORY



This half term in History, the children will be learning all about toys from the past and present. We will explore how toys have changed over time and discover what children played with long ago. The children will have the chance to look closely at old toys, compare them with the toys we use today, and think about how materials, designs, and playtime have changed. We'll investigate questions such as:

- What were toys like in the past?
- What are toys made from now compared to long ago?
- Which toys have stayed the same, and which ones are completely different?

ART



This half term in art, Year 1 and Year 2 children will explore 3D art to create birds, focussing on the form and texture of a bird.

They will use observational art to inform their final piece.

DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

This term in D&T, the children will be designing and making their very own lighthouse structure. We will begin by looking at real lighthouses and discussing what they are used for and why they are important. They will then plan their own lighthouse design. Using a range of materials such as cardboard tubes, paper, paint, and simple joining techniques, the children will build and decorate their lighthouse. They will also evaluate their finished model.



PERSONAL SOCIAL HEALTH & ECONOMIC EDUCATION

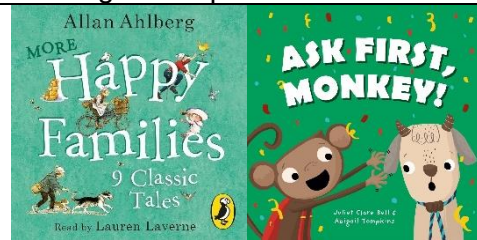


This half term in PSHE, Year 1 and Year 2 will be learning about growing and changing. We will talk about the things we can do now that we couldn't do when we were younger, and think about how our bodies, feelings, and abilities develop as we grow.

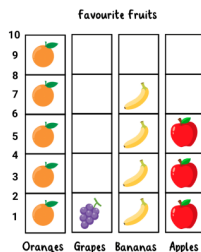
RELATIONSHIP AND SEX EDUCATION

In RSE, we will understand that there are different types of families and will be discussing who we can talk to if we need help.

Our book recommendation to support this topic is: 'Happy Families' by Allan Ahlberg and 'Ask First Monkey' by Juliet Clare Bell and Abigail Tompkin.



COMPUTING



In computing, we will be learning about using a pictogram and learn to read information on these. Children will collect data and represent this using a pictogram program online. Children will explore other digital tools to represent data.

CYBER SAFETY

Our e-safety learning will focus on using online games, such as RoBlox. We will talk about how to be safe, and make sure that what we watch is age-appropriate. We will discuss what to do if someone asks for personal details online and how to behave online.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



This half term in Religious Education, Year 1 and Year 2 will learn about the uses and importance of a place of worship to different religions. They will know about worship at a church and a synagogue, and learn the meanings and importance of the symbols, artefacts, music, holy books and other items.

DIVERSITY CALENDAR

This term as part of our whole school diversity calendar, we will be learning about:

- Vaisakhi – Sikh New Year
- Earth Day
- St George's Day
- Deaf Awareness Week
- Vesak – Buddhist festival
- Global Accessibility Awareness Day
- Eid-Al-Adha – Islam Holiday
- Pride Month
- Race Unity Day
- Al-Hijra/Muharram – Islamic New Year
- School Diversity Week



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Did you know...a good night's sleep helps children's mental, physical, social and emotional development?



- Wollaton Deer have PE on Tuesday & Thursday.
- Clough have PE on Monday & Tuesday.
- Magpies have PE on Tuesday & Friday.

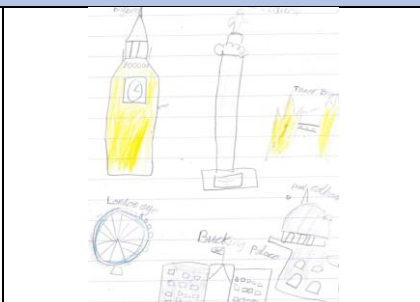
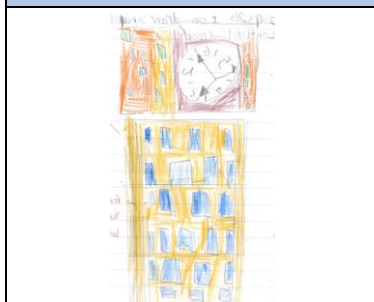
On PE days, please ensure your child wears the PE kit uniform of black shorts/joggers/leggings, a school polo shirt and trainers (preferably black). Please remove any earrings.

QUESTIONS AND ISSUES



If you have any questions with any aspect of your child's school life, please let us know. The best time to speak to Mrs Scott, Miss Coulling or Mrs Hall is at the end of the school day when you can make an appointment to speak to them. If you wish to pass on a message in the morning, please speak to the member of staff at the door who will pass on the information to the relevant person.

A CELEBRATION OF OUR LEARNING LAST TERM



Here are some wonderful examples of learning last half term!

As part of our work on the United Kingdom's capital city, the children explored some of London's most famous landmarks. They looked closely at places such as Big Ben, Tower Bridge, and Buckingham Palace, discussing what makes each one special.



The children then created their own wonderful drawings of these landmarks. They worked carefully to include important details, and we were so impressed with their enthusiasm and creativity. Their artwork has really helped them remember what each landmark looks like and why it is significant.

Well done, everyone!

HOMEWORK



Reading is essential to your child's learning journey and we urge you to read at least five times a week with your child and write in their reading diaries. It is important that your child brings their reading book every day as they will be reading on a daily basis.

Recently, we have been sending homework every Friday linked to what they have been learning in class. So far, Year 1 & 2 have been amazing at returning their homework on time! This is fantastic and will help support your child's learning. If you have any questions about the homework, please do not hesitate to ask us and we will be more than happy to help.

Your child's login for NumBots can be found in the back of their reading diaries.



TRIPS AND EXPERIENCES

Summer 1.

Bluebells Dairy Farm - Wednesday 22nd April, please see Arbor for the letter and consent.

Summer 2:

Seaside day- more information to follow!



DIARY DATES



HALF TERM ONE

13/04 – Start of summer 1 half term
 22/04 – Trip to Bluebells Dairy Farm
 30/04 – Spanish Day
 04/05 – Bank Holiday
 13/05 – National Numeracy day
 22/05 – End of summer 1 half term

HALF TERM TWO

01/06 – Start of summer 2 half term
 17/06 – Sports Day
 06/07 to 10/07 – World Cup theme week
 15/07 – Summer Fayre
 17/07 – Reports to Parents
 22/07 – End of summer 2 half term
 23/07 – INSET day
 24/07 – INSET day
 02/09 – First day of new school year