



June 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you all had a lovely half term and are ready for our final half-term in Year 1.

Curriculum

Our **Geography** topic this term is 'Oceans and Seas.' We will be learning about the oceans and seas around the UK, the five oceans around the world, coastal features and animals that may live in the sea or ocean.

In **Science**, we will be completing our topic on 'Plants' and 'Seasonal Change'. We will be learning about different plants, how they grow and what they need to grow. We will also be tending to our seedlings and hopefully see the fruits of our labour before the summer break!

In **English**, we will continue to focus on writing sentences with capital letters, full stops and finger spaces. We will be doing a range of writing for different purposes and will be looking at fiction and non-fiction texts, and poetry. Please see the **Weekly Overviews** for more detail. These are sent out on ParentHub every Friday afternoon.

In **Maths**, we will be doing the following units:

Numbers to 100- In this unit, we will be counting to 100, partitioning numbers into 10s and 1s, comparing and ordering numbers as well as focusing on 1 more or 1 less than any number up to 100.

Time - For this we will be sequencing events in chronological order using language (for example, before and after, next, first, today, yesterday, tomorrow, morning, afternoon and evening), recognising and using language relating to dates, including days of the week, weeks, months and years, and learning to tell the time to the hour and half past the hour and draw the hands on a clock face to show these times.

Money – We will be recognising and knowing the value of different denominations of coins and notes.

In **Religion and Worldviews**, we will complete our unit of work on 'How should we live our lives?' This unit explores how religious and other beliefs affect approaches to moral issues. It will look at approaches to morality in Christianity and Judaism.

In **Music**, our unit of work is 'How are you?' We will be singing songs showing increasing vocal control.

In **Computing**, we will be continuing with our programming unit of work. It will focus on developing early programming skills using BeeBots and putting our position and direction knowledge from our maths topic to good use.

In **PE**, we will be doing Dance, Gymnastics and Athletics. We are lucky enough to have a dance specialist with us this half-term to work with us on our oceans topic that links to geography. Please ensure children come to school dressed in their PE kits. They can wear shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms, and a t-shirt and most importantly, will need to be wearing trainers. No sandals please.

Our **Design and Technology** unit, 'Food', will tie in with some of our learning on plants this year and we will be focused on this unit during **Healthy Living Week**. We will be learning the difference between fruits and vegetables, and that some vegetables come from different parts of the plant like roots, leaves and fruits. Our focus will be to design a smoothie carton, chopping fruit and veg safely to make a smoothie, and tasting and evaluating different food combinations by describing their appearance, smell alongside their taste.

Transition to Year 2

In preparation for the transition into Year 2, we will spend a few weeks familiarising ourselves with the Year 2 classrooms, thinking of all the lovely memories we've made in Year 1, creating a transition book with pictures of our new class and teachers and also discussing the differences between Year 1 and Year 2.

Dates for your diaries:

Saturday 29th June – Summer Fair

Monday 1st July – Friday 5th July – Healthy Living Week

Thursday 4th July – Sports Day

Wednesday 17th July – Parents evening (in-person)

Wednesday 24th July – Last day of term

If you have any questions or queries then please make an appointment to speak to your child's class teacher.

We are looking forward to a very happy and successful final half term.

Yours sincerely

The Year 1 Team