

Newsletter Summer 1 2018 - Year 1

Topic: Beachcombers!



During this topic we will be learning all about the beach. The children will have the opportunity to visit and explore Redcar beach as an engagement for our classroom learning!

Music: We will be following the 'Sun, Sea and Song' podcast from the BBC to practice ocean themed songs. Alongside this we will be creating our own musical ocean sounds using different materials and our voices.

Art and DT: We will be using the text "A house for Hermit Crab" by Eric Carle to create our own Hermit crabs using clay and paints.

During the Summer term the Y1 children will be making a 'Keeping Healthy' pledge. We will be growing our own fruit and vegetables and exercising our bodies everyday!

Reading

Children have been working very hard to understand and apply their knowledge of phonics as skills for reading. Can you practise reading for comprehension at home with your children to help children gain a deeper understanding of what they are reading.

Writing

During this half term the children will explore and create three different text types. We will start the Summer term by creating our very own newspaper reports based on the beached whale on Redcar beach. After our school trip to the beach we will be creating recounts to describe and recall the main events from the trip. Our final text type will be writing our own letters to Middlesbrough Council on why it is important to keep our beaches clean. We will be using activities from the trip and David Attenborough's research on 'Plastic Oceans' to support us.

Spelling

Children will be learning how to spell common exception words, words containing the 40 phonemes and days of the week.

Maths

As mathematicians, we will be practising our multiplication and division skills. We will be discussing how we get the answers we do by practising our reasoning skills. We will also be solving word problems and looking at the different shapes that we can see around us.

Homework

We will give children homework every Thursday and they need to return it by Tuesday. There is also a choice of Project Homework. Your child can choose which 3 they would like to complete this half term and bring into school at any time. If your child has a sibling in school and they contribute to their homework this is counted as 1 piece. We will continue to send out phonics packs to some children in preparation for the Phonics screening test, others will be receiving a Reading comprehension task. They will go out every Thursday with children's homework and they need to be returned by Tuesday.

Reading at home



Enjoy reading with your child at least 4 times per week. This can be their school reading book or book of their choice at home. Please record each time they read at home in their Reading Record. Let's see who can achieve their 150 reads before the end of the Summer term ☺

PE

PE is on a Wednesday. Your child's PE kit needs to stay in school for the whole of the half term. The focus of this half term will be athletics and games. Y1 will now have the opportunity to experience a specialist gymnastics lesson every Tuesday afternoon. Please ensure your child's PE kit is in school on both of these days.

Dates for your diary

Monday 30th April- Redcar Beach Trip

Monday 7th May – Bank holiday

Friday 25th May- Break up

Monday 4th June- PD Day

Thursday 5th July- Sports Day - Parents welcome from 1.30pm.