



Summer Term 2017

Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Our Topic this term is: Under the Sea

We will be taking a journey to the deepest depths of the oceans to discover weird and wonderful sea creatures, explore the major oceans and seas of the world and getting creative with some fishy art. We will also be back ashore to learn about the influential figure 'Grace Darling'.

Trip: ☐

We will be joined by our Walton friends on Friday 19th May when we will be visiting the RNLi Grace Darling Museum in Bamburgh.



PE: With the weather warming up we will be outside with our rackets, improving our fundamental racket and ball skills and learning techniques, tactics and drills for tennis.

We will also be joined by Liz Bellilios, to help us with our skipping skills.



Design: We will be going fish mad! We will be making funky paper plate fish. We will also be experimenting with watercolour paints and making patterns with seaside objects. As well as, designing our own 'sea themed' digital story on the laptops.

Weekly Events

Spelling Test: The spelling test will be every Thursday. The children's scores can be found at the back of their homework book. (See spellings on additional sheet). The children will be writing one dictated sentence within their spelling test.

Reading Challenge: We will be monitoring children's reading and expect the children to be reading **at least 3 times a week at home**. The children whom are successful with this will receive a certificate at the end of each half term. Please can reading records come in every day to help us with this and please remember to sign and date the book each time your child reads.

Homework: The weekly homework task will be given out every Friday. It needs to be brought back to school by the following Thursday. In our classroom we have a homework tray so the children can hand in their books whenever they would like to. If there are any problems, please don't worry, just pop a note in their reading record or come in and see us.

Fred and his Special Book: Fred will continue his adventures until the end of term. Please remember you do not have to print and stick in photos, a simple drawing can be just as good.



RE: We will be thinking about Islam and the lives of Muslims. To help us understand the faith we will be looking at the five pillars of Islam, which are made up of beliefs and duties and are concerned with the individual's own faith and behaviour as well as the whole Islamic community.



Music: Every Friday afternoon we will be joined by Peter Brown, who will be helping us to use our voices creatively by singing seaside songs and speaking chants and rhymes. We will also be experimenting with tuned and untuned instruments to create, select and combine 'under the sea' sounds.

Science: In year 1 science we will be looking at animals, plants and seasonal changes. Our first stop will be plants... let's think about the sunflowers we planted last term as part of our 'new life' topic in RE.

