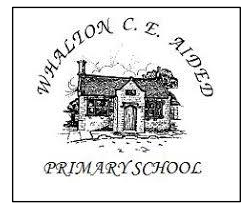




Summer Term 2019

Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter



Our topic this term is 'The Sea'

With the arrival of the summer term we now turn to a new topic of the sea, but with an on-going focus linked to the changing seasons. We will be using the themes to explore many of our Science concepts as well as linking into our History and Geography curriculum.

An exciting term lies ahead!

PE:

For the first part of the term we are joined once again by 'Mathew,' our cricket coach. He will give us the opportunity to continue to develop our throwing, catching and batting skills. In addition he will teach gamesmanship and tactics through fun competitive games and activities. Later in the term we turn to Athletics to challenge us in our individual skills.

Swimming continues on Wednesdays giving the children opportunities to refine and strengthen their strokes so they can continue to become confident swimmers.

We will have opportunities in our dance and performance, linking into the village Baal event on the 4th July and the school fair maypoling.

Art and Design:

We continue to have many opportunities to create with a variety of mediums to develop their skills within the different aspects of Art – drawing/ painting/ printing/ 3D etc. We will be looking at artists who have painted sea and water pictures. We will make attempts at showing 'mood' in our own painting using colour choices, texture and shape.

Weekly Events:

Spelling Test:

Well done to everybody for your continued work on the weekly spellings. This term we have linked the spellings to the Year 1 Common Exception words and particularly refined them to the ones which the class find more difficult.

Homework:

Homework tasks will continue to be sent home weekly linked to areas of the curriculum we have been covering in class. Just a reminder that homework books are sent out on Friday to be returned by the following Thursday. We are challenging the children in class to have the same pride in their writing across all curriculum areas. It would be good to see this also in their homework books.

Library Van:

This still has a habit of surprising us on certain Thursdays! Please can you continue to make sure the library book is kept in the school bag so it is there when needed to be swapped.

Geography:

We will be using the book 'Katie Morag's – Island Stories' as a starter to make comparisons between different localities. It will also give a fun way into talk about the different jobs people do.

We continue to talk about how the weather alters through spring into summer. It is exciting to observe the changes that take place outside.

RE:

This term we change our focus from Christianity to Islam. It will give us the opportunity to learn about a different faith and what is important to them. We will be learning about their holy book and Mosques. We will be considering how Islam is both similar and also different to the Christian faith.

Science:

Science will be an important part of this term's work. We will be looking at the similarities and difference between animals; learning about how they can be grouped. The theme of the Sea will allow us to look at creatures in our oceans and compare them to animals from other environments. We will be undertaking simple science experiments and making formal predictions followed by recording the results. We will continue to monitor the effects of the seasons.

History:

We look forward to learning about the historical figure of Grace Darling and the time in which she lived. This will give us opportunities to consider lighthouses and boats, while considering what life for children in that time would have been like.