

Year One Summer News!



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the last term of Year 1! Where has the year gone? I can't believe how much the children are growing and maturing: they are truly wonderful. The class have come back to school after the Easter break full of beans (and chocolate no doubt!) and are very excited about the term ahead. I have already been amazed by the hard work and progress all the children are making each day. They are very enthusiastic about our topic, 'Under the Sea', which got off to a great start on our trip to the Sea Life Centre.

Detailed below are the areas we are covering this term and suggestion of how you can help at home. The National Curriculum objectives are also available on the school website.

Subject	Information	How you can help
English	<p>This term, English will cover a range of texts including fiction and non-fiction with cross-curricular links to our topic work based on 'Under the Sea'. We have begun the term by focussing on a brilliant text, 'Dougal's Deep Sea Diary'. We will follow this up by focussing on some great stories such as 'The Snail and the Whale', 'The Storm Whale' and 'Sharing a Shell'. We are really embracing our topic in a big way and will be covering a wide variety of genre throughout the term. We will also be calling on David Attenborough's 'Blue Planet' for a little inspiration. It will be great fun!</p> <p>Children will continue to receive daily phonics sessions in carefully differentiated groups. Every child will have an extended creative writing session on a Friday and will read weekly in groups and individually. This term, the children will take part in the national Phonics Screening tests. This is very low key and informal.</p>	<p>Please listen to your child read as often as possible and ask questions about the text as this really makes a difference to their learning.</p> <p>Help them to practice any sounds they have learnt in Phonics and ensure your child completes any homework set. In preparation for the Phonics Screening later this term, talk about sounds in words as often as possible. Play with words by making up silly rhymes and alien words.</p> 
Maths	<p>Our work in Maths this term will cover a range of different areas. We have begun by focussing on multiplication and division and solving problems based on these skills. In a few weeks, we will move onto looking at number fractions. Our maths continues to be very practical in approach, but also the children have opportunities to formalise their work when new skills are being mastered. The children love their Maths lessons and always keen to tackle new challenges.</p> <p>In the second part of the term, we will be focussing on money problems and time. This may include a trip to the shop with a shopping list!</p>	<p>Please ensure your child completes homework set each week as this will help secure their knowledge.</p> <p>Any practical activities, allowing children to use their skills in the 'real world'.</p> <p>Practise telling the time and recognising coins as often as possible too.</p> <p>The homework each Friday will link to what we have been doing in class each week.</p>

Science	<p>We will continue to look at the 'Seasons', hopefully we will see more signs of summer in the not too distant future! We will also be learning about plants, what they need and how they grow.</p> <p>As part of our Science topic, we will be planting different vegetables and flowers. We will use our Forest School sessions to do this. Any donations of seeds, seedlings and compost would be greatly appreciated!</p>	<p>-Discuss with your child different seasons and the changes. -Whilst gardening identify different parts of plants and what they do.</p> 
Topic	<p>This term, our topic is 'Under the Sea'. The focus of this will be to locate and name the seas around the UK using atlases, finding out about ocean habitats, different sea creatures and zones of the ocean. We will also find out about the life of an ocean explorer! The children will also be researching the impact of plastic in the seas and we will be making our own eco-bricks. Look out for more information! We are very excited about our learning this term We will be listening to music, looking at art and finding out about significant people and events. Much of our learning will be cross-curricular and will make particular links to English work, as detailed above.</p>	<p>-Discuss with your child places they have visited by the coast, in this country or others. -Talk about different sea creatures and where they live. -Discuss the importance of recycling plastic. -Discuss with your child what they have been learning in class.</p>
Computing	<p>This term, we will continue to focus on online safety and be able to follow links to different websites as well as saving and retrieving our work. We will continue to use the bee bots to program them and begin using algorithms to make something happen on computer software.</p>	<p>If your child has access to a computer using the mouse to control objects and any word processing would be beneficial.</p>
PE	<p>Francis from Kits will continue to deliver PE sessions on a Monday afternoon and will be covering a range of games skills. We will have some PE lessons linked to our topic on a Thursday morning also.</p>	<p>Please make sure your child has an appropriate PE kit in school each week.</p> 
RE	<p>In RE, we are looking at the topics of 'How we Care for Others and the World' and 'What it means to belong to a Faith Community'. As part of these topics, we will be learning about how Christians, Muslims and Jewish people care for others and the world and how they show they belong to a community.</p>	<p>Talk together about different faiths and what belonging means. Allow time to think and be reflective.</p> 
Music	<p>During music sessions, we will be exploring music and sounds of the sea. We will try to accompany some of this music with our own percussion instruments.</p>	<p>Discuss different types of music you listen to at home. Talk about what kinds of music your child enjoys.</p>
PSHE	<p>In these lessons with Mr Shillitoe, we will be looking at 'safety with medicines', 'keeping our body healthy' and 'People who help us'. There will be a lot of opportunities for drama activities and for children to discuss how we stay healthy and safe.</p>	<p>Any discussions with your child about what we have been talking about in class.</p>
Forest School	<p>Forest Schools will continue to run, rain or shine, on a Friday afternoon. These sessions allow for exploration and play, often focussing on elements of our various curriculums in a practical and fun way.</p> 	<p>Please ensure that children have appropriate clothing and shoes for these sessions. They will also need a hat and sun cream as the weather warms up.</p>

Reading books will continue to be changed on a Thursday, please ensure you have ticked off any books read in your child's Reading Record. The children will continue to receive homework on a Friday too. Look out for a longer homework project later in the term. This term, we also welcome Miss Watson to our class. She will be with us for most of the term.

We would really appreciate if your child could bring a water bottle to school and come wearing sun cream on warmer days.

Thank you all so much for your continued support, it is appreciated. Please do not hesitate to come and discuss any worries or concerns you or your child may have, you know where I am! Alternatively, you could email sfoster@stlawrenceprimaryschool.co.uk.

Thanks again

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