

Windmill Primary School



Curriculum Newsletter Year 1
Autumn 1 2017 Life on the Ocean Waves

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well I can't believe that we are about to start our Year 1 adventure together! We have a busy Autumn 1 planned as we set off on our adventure to explore the world around us.

Overview of themes for the year

Autumn 1 – Life on the Ocean Waves

Autumn 2 – It's Getting Dark Outside

Spring 1 – Frozen Planet

Spring 2- Where We Live

Summer 1 – Carnival of the Animals

Summer 2 – The Great Outdoors

Trips and Visitors for the year

Autumn 1 – Visit the Sealife Centre in Birmingham

Autumn 2 – A chance to see a range of nocturnal animals

Spring 1- An Arctic Adventure

Spring 2- We are hoping to walk around Raunds focusing on the landmarks and buildings.

Summer 1 – A visit to Stanwick Lakes to explore what lives there.

Summer 2 – We are going to visit Fineshade Woods and explore the range of habitats and wildlife.

Oceans and Seas

Our theme for Autumn 1 is Life on the Ocean Waves. We will be exploring the oceans and seas around the world, both near and far, finding out where they are and the range of animals and creatures that live in them. As Geographers, we will be learning how to use maps and atlases to find out about the world.

As scientists we will be identifying and naming a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. We will also be able to describe and compare the structure of a variety of common animals. Throughout the year we will be observing and recording changes across the four seasons and describing weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies.



English

In English we will be focusing on a story called The Rainbow Fish. We will be exploring Journey Tales and be creating our own Top Trump cards using the knowledge we have gained about sea creatures.

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Each term a set of spellings will go home with your child on the back of the home learning grids. Please support your child with learning these as they will help develop their written work.

Reading

We will be listening to the children read at least twice a week in school, as well as during Read, Write Inc. lessons.

Please listen to your child read as often as possible and make a note of it in the reading record book. Those children who read every day will receive a raffle ticket and be in with a chance of gaining 30 extra early bird points to spend each week.

Maths

We will be concentrating on developing our knowledge of numbers to 10 by counting to ten both forwards and backwards fluently. We will know how to count, read and write numbers to 10 in numerals and words, identify one more or one less than a given number and explore adding and subtracting one digit numbers to 10, including zero.

We will be looking at how we represent numbers using objects, pictures and the number track. We will also be looking at new maths language: equal to, more than, less than (fewer), most, least. We will focus on number bonds and doubling and halving facts and using partitioning to support our calculations.

Times tables

Please support your child(ren) with the learning of their times tables.

For children in Year 1 it would be useful if they can recall facts for the 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

Key Dates: - Please see separate sheet

Have a wonderful summer holidays, keep safe and bring back your stories of the adventures that you have had.

Miss King Miss Catling
Year 1 team