



Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Spring 1

Life on the Ocean Waves



Dear Windmill Family,

Well we can't believe that we have completed the first long term of our Year 1 adventure together! We have a busy Spring 1 planned as we set off on our adventure to explore the world around us.

Trips and Visitors for the year

Spring 1 – Life on the Ocean Waves. We are hoping to have a virtual tour of an aquarium.

Spring 2- Awesome Authors. Visiting the local library. This is currently subject to Government guidelines.

Summer 1 – Carnival of the Animals. We will be taking part in a Samba Workshop – this will cost approximately £6. This is currently subject to Government guidelines.

Summer 2 – The Great Outdoors. We are hoping to go on a visit to Burghley Sculpture Gardens. The cost of this visit should be approximately £15. This is currently subject to Government guidelines.

Oceans and Seas

Our theme for Spring 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 also writing a recount of the adventures we have been on.



Each term a set of spellings will go home with your child on the front of their home learning grids. Please support your child with learning these as they will help develop their written work. Please also encourage your child to use Spelling Shed.

Reading

We will be listening to the children read at least once a week in school and during Read, Write Inc. lessons. Please listen to your child read as often as possible and make a note of it in your child's personal planners. Every time your child reads at home they will receive a value point.

Maths

In Maths, we will be working on addition and subtraction with numbers up to 20 as well as concentrating on developing our knowledge of place value to 50. This unit builds children's knowledge of number bonds within 10, their ability to use a number line to count forwards and backwards, and their understanding that two parts make a whole, in the context of subtraction. It looks at subtraction as the inverse of addition and teaches children to count backwards and work out a missing part, given the whole and the other part. We will also be exploring 2D and 3D shapes and their properties.

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 on attached sheet.

Have a wonderful Christmas holiday, keep safe and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

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Year 1 team