



Dear Parents/Carers,

What a busy term last term was as we travelled across oceans and seas finding out about the creatures that live within them. Our trip to the Sea Life Centre was a fantastic way of bringing all our learning together and getting to see all those creatures in real life. We have a busy Spring 2 planned as we become authors and illustrators of our own stories.

Trips and Visitors for the year

Spring 2- Awesome Authors. Visiting the local library.

Summer 1 – Carnival of the Animals. We will be taking part in a Samba Workshop – this will cost approximately £6.

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.

Awesome Authors – Oliver Jeffers



In our theme Awesome Authors we will be finding out about the author, illustrator and artist Oliver Jeffers. We will be finding out about his life, what inspires him to create his wonderful stories and the range of techniques he uses to illustrate his books. We will then use what we find to help us as we become authors

and illustrators. We will also of course be reading and sharing a wide range of his stories from *Lost and Found* to *The Heart and the Bottle*.

Our Art for this term will help us to explore and understand the books and we will be developing our skills using watercolours and collage.

Our Science this term will be looking at working scientifically and we will undertake a range of enquiries during British Science Week.

English

In English we will be creating our very own picture books. We will focus on a story called *The Incredible Book Eating Boy* and use this to help us to create our own warning tale. We will be using persuasion to convince our readers to stay safe from the perils in the world. We will also be writing our very own About the Author to complete our picture book as well as the blurb to entice our readers to read it.



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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. Each week we will be giving out class prizes to those that have read at least four times in the week.

Maths

In maths we will be continuing to develop our knowledge of place value to 50 and we will be exploring multiples of 2, 5 and 10. We will be using all our skills to explain our answers and problem solve. It would be great if you could support your children by practising counting in 2s, 5s and 10s at home. We will also be concentrating on developing our knowledge of measures, focusing on measuring length and height, weight and volume.

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.

Miss King Miss Catling
Year 1 team

