



Year 1 News

Term 5



Welcome back! We hope you had a good Easter. The children have really enjoyed learning about Victorians and the Maidstone Museum Workshop.

News

Monday 22nd May and Wednesday 5th July - INSET days—School closed for pupils.

Week Beginning 12th June Phonics Screening test.

Welcome to the new Year 1 Class Teachers
Year 1 Staffing is as follows:

Mrs White - Orange Class

Miss Chiarletti - Blue Class

Mrs Carpenter and Miss Ward - Red Class

Mrs Kidd and Mrs Ruck—shared LSAs

Meet the Teacher Meetings - Thursday 11th
May

Parents who have children in Orange and Blue Class are invited to come in and meet the new teachers. The meetings will be held in Orange and Blue Class and run from 3.30 to 4.00 pm. Please let your child's teacher know if you are going to attend.

Literacy

This term we will be reading story books that link to our theme; The Ocean. The key texts will be: The Fish who Could Wish, Commotion in the Ocean and Sharing a Shell. We will be using the texts to write our own imaginative rhymes, poetry based on the theme and using emotive language when writing in the first person. We will be focusing on punctuation, sentence structure, use of adjectives and using our knowledge of phonics for spelling. We will also be writing a non-fiction piece, an ocean fact file, based on our own research of the topic.



How you can help at home

Children should try to read five times a week at home and we would be grateful if you would fill out their Reading Record books each time they read. Children will be heard read at school where they are encouraged to change their own reading books.

Science

We will be building upon what we learnt about living creatures last term. This term the focus will move towards considering the classification of living things. We shall explore what vertebrates, invertebrates, reptiles, mammals, birds, crustaceans and fish have in common.



Computing We will be using safe search engines to find facts about oceans, ocean creatures and names.

Mathematics



The focus this term will be writing numbers as words, using addition and subtraction to solve problems, measuring volume and capacity. We will continue to revise and consolidate the work that we have done on the geometry of shapes, fractions and using positional language.

How you can help at home

Please practice writing numbers as words to



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In Geography we will be learning all about the different oceans and extending our knowledge of continents.

History lessons will be based around the famous sailors Nelson and Will Adams. We will be looking at the stories of local author Russell Thorndike, and his stories of smuggling and swashbuckling.

Art will focus on creating seascapes in a variety of ways using different media. We will also be learning about famous French Impressionist artist, Claude Monet.

We will be sewing our own fish in DT. The children will design their fish, sew and decorate them before evaluating their final end product.

In PSHE we will use class discussion and a variety of practical activities to develop the children's understanding of goals and targets.

Music this term will focus on comparing different styles of music. The children will be able to say what types of instrument they can hear in pieces of music and state what they like or dislike about a piece. They will also have the opportunity to use a variety of percussion instruments.

Our RE focus this term will be based around special stories of Hindu and Christian origin.

In French we will be learning to talk about animals and how we can describe them using adjectives.

PE Children will need to wear suitable PE kit for

PE lessons on Tuesdays. Please ensure all PE Kit and uniform are clearly labelled. Children need to ensure that long hair is tied back and that any jewellery is removed. Earrings must not be worn on PE days. Staff cannot remove them.

Activities for home

Mathletics Online Learning

Each week your class teacher will be setting Mathletics homework. Please support your child each week to complete the set tasks. You can access Mathletics through the following web address: www.mathletics.com Please speak to your child's class teacher if you are unsure of your child's login or need support to use Mathletics.

Reminders

Class Assemblies

Red Class Friday 5th May

Orange Class Friday 27th May

Blue Class Friday 12h May

Book Fair Success

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you everyone for supporting the book fair at the end of term 4. We sold over £1000 worth of books which meant the school made £600 worth of commission to spend on topping up reading areas in classroom.

This is an amazing amount raised and the support you all gave is very much appreciated.

Happy reading!

Miss J Capes

Reading Leader