

Year 1 Summer Term: 'The Circle of Life' and 'We Do Like to be Beside the Seaside!'



Science

As scientists, we will be learning about:

- Animals and their habitats.
- Humans and their senses.
- Planning and carrying out investigations.

Geography

As geographers, we will be learning to:

- Recognise some geographical features in Africa.
- Recognise geographical features at the seaside.
- Identify which animals these geographical features host habitats to.

Art

As artists, we will be learning to:

- Refine our painting technique.
- Use different types of paint.
- Paint a seaside scene.
- Create artwork in the style of Miro/Kandinsky/Goldsworthy.

History

As historians, we will be learning about:

- The history of the seaside and how the seaside has changed over time.

Physical Education

As athletes, we will continue to:

- Develop our fundamental movement skills such as balance, agility, throwing and catching
- Learn to copy and sequence movements in order to perform dance routines.

Life Skills (Citizenship and PSHE)

As citizens, we will be learning about:

- Social skills.
- Animals and their babies.
- Enterprise.

Music

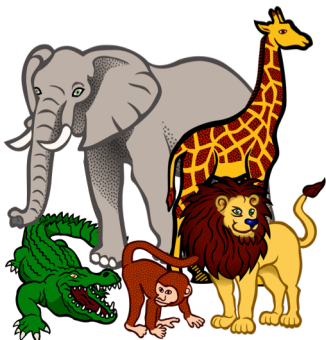
As musicians, we will be learning to:

- Improvise using our voices and instruments.
- Consider the language of music.
- Perform songs.

Design and Technology

As designers we will be learning to:

- Explore a range of moving mechanisms.
- Make our own moving pictures.



Religious Education

This term the children will be learning about stories from Christianity.

Computing

As computing technologists, we will be learning to:

- Create presentations.
- Develop our research skills.



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The children worked very hard during the spring term and we all thoroughly enjoyed our 'It's a Royal, Regal Rumpus!' theme.

Our summer term theme will be split into two as we have so much learning we would like the children to experience! The first half term's theme is 'The Circle of Life', where the children will learn about animals in science and habitats such as forests and mountains in geography.

In the second half of the term, our theme will be called 'We do like to be beside the seaside!' The children will learn about coastal habitats in geography and the history of the seaside in history. We are excited to hold a beach day during the latter half of the term in order to enrich this theme!

In English, we will begin the term with the story 'Handa's Surprise!' The children will also learn to write riddles, recounts and leaflets. As mathematicians, the children will build upon their understanding of place value, calculations and measure. They will also learn to tell the time and learn about fractions.

P.E. kits

Please ensure your child has the correct P.E. uniform for school and that all parts of it are clearly labelled. Our P.E. days in Year 1 are on Wednesdays and Fridays but children should have their indoor and outdoor PE kit in school at all times, which needs to be in a bag and kept in the classrooms.

Home learning

We will continue to set weekly home learning on a Friday which will be due in the following Wednesday; this will usually be consolidating our kinetic letters handwriting scheme. We would also like children to regularly read with an adult and practise their high frequency words – reading and/or spelling. We also encourage any other forms of reading for enjoyment at home and children have the chance to loan library books from school in order to enrich this. Reading for enjoyment at home also includes the children being read to.

Important dates

This term, 1 Goldsworthy and 1 Miro will have their class assemblies; these will both be on a Friday and start at 2.45pm. 1 Goldsworthy's is on Friday 12th May and 1 Miro's assembly is on Friday 23rd June. We look forward to seeing you there!

We also have a provisional booking for our school trip to the Sea Life Centre in Birmingham, which will enrich our learning in science and geography about animals and habitats. The provisional date is Thursday 18th May and approximate costing will be £18. The date and cost will both be confirmed nearer the time.

Can you help enrich our theme?

If you know anyone, any associations, websites, great books or local places etc that would support our themes over the summer term, please let us know. This way we can create community links to enhance our theme further and bring real life situations to our learning.

That's it for now. We are really looking forward to ending Year 1 with these exciting themes!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Regards,

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The Year 1 team