

Autumn Term 2014

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school! I hope you all had enjoyable summer holidays.

During Year 2, your child will be completing Key Stage One of the National Curriculum. This includes the core subjects of Numeracy, Literacy and Science as well as Physical Education (P.E.), Art, Design and Technology (D+T), Religious Education (R.E.), Music, History and Geography. The subjects will be taught through a termly theme; more information regarding what the children will cover within each subject is provided overleaf. During the year, the children will be statutorily assessed (SATs) and a final level of achievement will be reported to you within their annual school report in July.

P.E. sessions will take place on Wednesdays and Thursdays. The children will need their P.E. kit consisting of shorts, t-shirt and suitable footwear. It is recommended that P.E. kits are left in school during the week as we may go out on other days! Due to Health and Safety requirements, children with earrings are unable to participate in P.E. sessions therefore it would be very much appreciated if children could come to school without their earrings on P.E. days, or alternatively, children may cover their earrings with micropore tape or small plasters prior to their P.E. session.

Guided reading homework will be set each week and this will relate to the guided reading session the children have had in school that week. Your children will receive their new guided reading book on their guided reading day and their homework book with task inside on Fridays. This will need to be returned for the following Wednesday. Similarly, Maths homework, which is set via the online tool My Maths, will go live on Fridays and be due for the following Wednesday. Planners will be taken in on your child's guided reading day, (Thursday for those children whose guided reading session takes place on a Friday) and will be returned the following day.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to a Meet the Teacher meeting on Tuesday 9th September at 4.30pm where I will provide more information on routines, expectations and homework. No homework or Guided reading books will be sent home until Friday 12th September. On this day, your child will receive their guided reading book for that week and their homework book with task inside.

If you do have any questions or worries that you would like to discuss with me please do drop in, and we will arrange a time when it would be convenient to talk things through.

I hope to make this a happy and successful year!

Yours sincerely

Miss C Street



Adventures at Sea



Literacy: Using a story text, we will look at different ways to write imaginatively through writing an imaginative description as well as writing our own ship's log. We will look at poetry and how we can represent something by using different language techniques such as similes. The children will also be writing non-fiction pieces, such as lists and captions. Through these different mediums, we will focus on how we can improve our writing by adding elements such as adjectives, conjunctions and different punctuation.

Maths: The children will look at the number system, thinking about the place value of different numbers and using this knowledge to partition and order numbers. We will look at the four main operations; exploring different ways to work out the answers effectively. Through different application tasks, some relating to our topic, we will apply our mathematical skills in a way which will allow us to apply our skills. These tasks will include those involving money, working with units of measurement and shape.

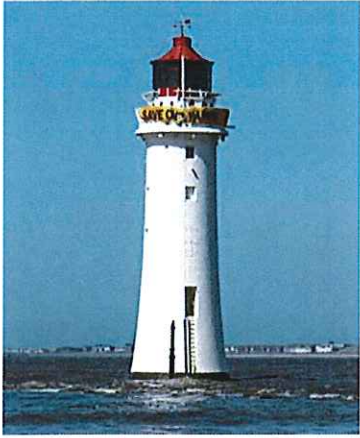
Science: We will learn about the needs of plants and humans; comparing these as well as beginning to look at the relationship between plants and animals within simple food chains.

R.E.: The focus for this term will be Christianity.

P.E.: We will adopt a multi-skills approach to P.E this term, focusing on developing our basic movements such as running and jumping, balance and coordination.

History: The focus for this term will be significant people from the past. We will learn about two such individuals; Christopher Columbus and Grace Darling.

Geography: Our focus is on the world this term and we will be learning about the different continents and oceans. We will look at the different regions of our world, as well as comparing our island, the UK, to another non-European island.



Art: There are two elements to our Art learning this term; collage and sculpture.

Computing: Our focus will be on understanding the word algorithm and beginning to program our own algorithms to create an outcome. The children will also begin to use search engines to find information and use different tools to present the information they find.

Music: Exploring long and short sounds then moving onto rhythm and pulse.