

Things to Remember...

- Our PE sessions are on Mondays and Thursdays.
- Show and Tell – check the class timetable to find out what day you can bring something special in to show the class.
- Please bring a water bottle in everyday, so that your child has a drink in the classroom.
- We provide fruit for snack every day: apples, bananas, pears, tomatoes... children can have more than one piece of fruit. It is fine to send in additional snack but please ensure this is a healthy choice.
- Please read with your child and write in the reading diary every day! I will be talking about reading at our Curriculum Meeting.

Please come and speak to myself and Miss Baker if you have any questions or queries, however big or small, we will do our best to help.

Wednesday Welly Walks!

Please make sure your child is wearing lots of layers to keep warm on our welly walks. We want everyone to enjoy our outdoor adventures, so please send a hat, gloves and extra socks too! Waterproof suits are essential too. We will be using our camp fire to cook tasty smores and toast, building bridges, testing boats in the stream, going on treasure hunts and using our maps!

Tapestry for Reception Children

Please enjoy looking at your child's experiences as well as sharing your home experiences on Tapestry too. The children love showing the class their pictures and videos on the big board!

Key Dates:

- Curriculum Talk: Tuesday 18th January – 9am
- World Book Day 3rd March

Hedgehog Class **Curriculum Letter** **Terms 3 and 4**



Water Project – What will you find in the sea?

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Teaching Assistant: Ms Baker
Student Teacher: Miss Hargreaves

ENGLISH

Through our focus on the sea we will be exploring many of the creatures that live there. Our core texts are 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers which is about a boy and his penguin's journey to the South Pole! We will be taking part in role play to act out their journey, writing a list of what to pack and practise descriptive writing about the sea. We will then be looking at non-fiction books about penguins in order to write a penguin fact file including a labelled diagram of a penguin. As part of our Chinese New Year celebrations we will be making stir fry and writing instructions which the children can bring home so you can make your own! In Term 4, we move on to the text 'The Rainbow Fish' by Marcus Pfister where we can link with our PSHE focus on kindness and write about ways we can be kind. We will also use the text as inspiration to find out more about different under sea creatures in non-fiction texts and present our facts to an audience!

GEOGRAPHY

We will be looking at the world map and globe to locate where the cold and warm countries are located. We will also be learning to name the continents of the world. Next term we will be using maps to find our way around our local area. Then we will be making our own maps to illustrate the Easter Bunny's adventure and use symbols to create a map key. As we read The Snail and The Whale, we will be learning about human and physical geographical features.

Our Learning
Journey is:

**"What will you
find in the sea?"**

MATHS

Reception children will be using practical activities and games to: focus on recognising 1-20, ordering and counting, adding groups of objects and taking away, finding 2D and 3D shapes in the environment and using shape language. Children in Year 1 will be: working with numbers to 100, including recognition and place value, division (sharing), fractions (half and quarter), time (on the hour and half past), 3D shape (inc. describing shapes), addition and subtraction including number bonds to 20.

SCIENCE

In Science this term, we will carry out experiments to find out which materials float and sink and which materials are waterproof. We will be using our findings to help us with our boat building challenge.

As the weather changes from Winter to Spring, we will be thinking about Seasonal Changes, using our welly walks to make weekly observations.

We will also be finding out about the many different creatures that live in the sea.

PHONICS

Year 1 will continue their work on phase 5, including applying this knowledge to reading and writing. Reception will be learning about digraphs. A digraph is when 2 letters are together, making a new sound. i.e. sh, ch, ee, oo. I will send these home for you to practise each week.

P.E.

Throughout Terms 3 and 4 we will be developing our gymnastics skills. We will be using different body parts to travel and balance on, as well as learning about different jumping styles. We will be building gymnastic movement sequences and exploring travelling on difference apparatus.

P.S.H.E

During Term 3 and 4 we will be learning about keeping ourselves healthy in different ways, including making healthy food choices. We will also be learning about the importance of cleaning our teeth regularly.

ART and DT

As part of our Water project, we will be having lots of fun designing and making boats and bridges. We will be considering which materials would be best for the job, as well as how to join them together. We will be using different cooking tools and skills to make sandwiches, Valentines biscuits, pancakes and Easter cakes. You could try some cooking at home, we would love to see what you make! We will also be studying different types of penguin and will use them as inspiration for our paintings too.

MUSIC & RE

Mrs Tomsett will be helping us with our music, singing and RE this term. In RE, we will be learning about Judaism. Next term we will be learning about the Easter story and why Christians celebrate Easter. Our value is Compassion and we will be exploring how we can show compassion in our lives.