

Year 1 and 2 - Curriculum Overview and Homework Activities




Our learning

This term we will be exploring our new topic 'Sink or Swim'. It is a geography-based topic. We will be teaching English through a new writing approach called 'I am a Clever Writer', which is a clear and structured approach to teaching writing. Each skill is broken down into small steps so that pupils can experience success and build confidence in their writing. Each week, the children will focus on a new text or genre. They will be writing animal riddles, character descriptions based on the text 'Elmer', as well as retelling stories such as 'The Queen's Hat' and 'Dilwyn the Welsh Dragon'. Every Friday, the children will complete a 'star write' lesson where they will write independently and the teachers will choose a star writer for the week. During our maths lessons, we will be focusing on money, including adding amounts and finding change from £1. We will also be looking at fractions, including fractions of shapes and amounts, identifying unit and non-unit fractions, and making connections between a half and two quarters. Finally, we will look at statistics, including tally charts, block graphs and pictograms. In Science, the children will use their knowledge of materials to work scientifically and explore why some objects float while others sink. As artists, the children will explore the work of David Hockney and use this to inspire their own water-themed collages. In geography, we will look at locational knowledge of the UK, identifying the countries of the UK, as well as the seven continents and five oceans. Within RE lessons, the children will learn about the Jewish faith and develop their knowledge of Jewish stories found in the Torah.

Reading every night is the most important thing you can do support your child with their learning. Please write in your child's planner every time they have read and they will receive a star. Your child's planner needs to be placed in the class planner box daily so that the class teacher can check and sign weekly. Your child's spelling test results will also be recorded here each week too. Along with reading, we send home spellings and math homework weekly.

These things MUST be completed before attempting any of the homework tasks below. The tasks below are optional extras.

<p>Can you name all the countries in the UK, including the capital cities?</p> <p>Write a non-chronological report all about the UK.</p>	<p>Some objects float and some objects sink. This is all linked to the buoyancy and density of an object. Plan and carry out your own floating and sinking experiment. Write about what you have done and what you found out.</p>	<p>Sea creatures are fascinating. Choose a sea creature that you do not know much about and use the safe search engine 'Kiddle' to learn about them. Create a fact file about your creature including what it looks like, what they like to eat and a fun fact.</p>	<p>Create your own animal riddles...</p> <p>Who am I?</p> <p>I have got long legs.</p> <p>I have got two humps.</p> <p>I can live without water for many days.</p> 
<p>Enjoy listening and singing along to songs about the 7 continents and 5 oceans.</p>	<p>A good story needs a amazing story setting. Design your own underwater story setting in your books. Describe the setting using adjectives and challenge yourself to use expanded noun phrases!</p>	<p>In Art we are exploring collages. Create your own underwater collage using whatever materials you may have in your home already.</p>	<p>Underwater A—Z</p> <p>Think of a creature that lives under the sea for each letter of the alphabet. How many can you think of without using the internet to help you?</p>