

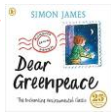
# Year 1 Newsletter Summer

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We hope you have had a lovely time off over Easter! Our topic this term is all about the seaside. The classrooms have been transformed into an underwater theme.

As part of this topic we will be going to the seaside to visit it for ourselves! As you are aware Miss West will be starting her maternity leave this term and we will keep you up to date with who her replacement will be going forward.

## English



In English the children will be learning about the book 'The Storm Whale'. We will be focusing on writing descriptive sentences about the pictures from the book. The children will also learn how to spell verbs ending in 'ed'. We will then learn about writing letters using the book 'Dear Greenpeace' which has an important message about keeping our oceans clean.

## PE

The children will have PE with Sporting World on Tuesday afternoons. They will also have PE with their class teacher on Mondays and Fridays. We will be focusing on team games this term. This term we will also be learning how to work on our balance through yoga on a Friday. We will also be getting ready for sports day. Please make sure your child has a complete and named PE kit in school everyday.



## Humanities

This term we will begin by looking at the importance of beaches and the coasts to our locality. We will also look at the history of our local beaches and we will look at how they have been used over time. We will also create our own treasure maps using our own field work skills.



## Art and Design

In Art and Design we will be looking at building structures such as sandcastles out of different materials. We will explore how they can be made stronger. We will also look at mechanisms and think about how we can make puppets move!



## Music

We will be using the percussion instruments to create seaside sounds and singing well known seaside songs.

## Handwriting and Spelling

Please continue the weekly spellings at home. As you are aware the children will take a statutory phonics screen test in June, please see your class teacher if you would like to talk about phonics further.

We practise handwriting everyday in school. Please encourage your child to form their letters correctly when writing at home. We will begin to look at joining some letters in preparation for Year 2.

## Computing

In computing this term we will focus on reasoning. We will look at predicting the behavior of programmes through what we have discovered so far. We will look at creating our own programmes through Scottie Go! using what we have learnt through the Beebot app.

## Science

In science the children will be learning about different materials. They will learn about material properties and carry out an investigation to find out which materials float and sink. We will also be visiting Rosemoor gardens the first day back after half term.



## Maths

In Maths, we will continue to build on our understanding of counting in 2's, 5's and 10's by exploring this as repeated addition. We then look at simple multiplication and division facts through repeated addition. We will continue our work on number lines by placing numbers up to 100 on a number line to help us solve practical problems.



We will begin to look at money and time at the end of term. It would support your child if they had an opportunity to work on these at home. You could play a game of 'shops' or 'What's the time Mr. Wolf'.