

The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch



CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER YEAR 1: SUMMER TERM 2ND HALF

This newsletter is designed to give parents and carers a taste of the coming topic for Year 1. We have detailed below the main themes that we hope to cover, although there may be changes to respond to the children's ideas and interests. Some subjects will have a greater share of time depending on the topic but we ensure that there is a balance over the year. The children will also join in swimming as part of the PE curriculum this half term. We hope you find this newsletter useful!

STIMULUS: A visit to Southend Sealife Centre

Annual Events: Swimming Lessons, Sports Activity Morning, Reports, Celebration Evening

LITERACY:

In writing we will be writing a visit recount in nonfiction, sea poetry and writing stories based on the sea, Rainbow Fish and The Fish Who Could Wish.

MATHEMATICS:

We will be using lots of play and exploration around the theme of capacity and water, pouring, filling and measuring. Basic mathematics teaching follows the National Curriculum.

SCIENCE:

The key skills are finding out about materials, and exploring seasonal change. There will also be opportunities to find out about creatures and plants that live and grow in the sea and on the shore.

HISTORY:

We will be finding out about the life of Grace Darling and significant events linked to the sea. We will research this using different historical sources.

ART:

The children will use different materials for painting sea scenes using the work of Monet as a stimulus and complete observational drawings of items from the sea such as shells.

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY:

This unit is about using joining techniques and exploring materials and a range of basic components, with the chance to make and evaluate lunchbox designs. The children will also make and eat a range of picnic food.

PE:

The games unit is athletics, as well as a dance unit focused ready for the Family Fun Day. Swimming will go ahead this half term as planned. We follow the Essex PE scheme for these units.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

We follow the Essex agreed syllabus for RE. The theme is 'Special Ways of Living'.

MUSIC:

We will be following exploring texture in music this half term and learning topic related songs.

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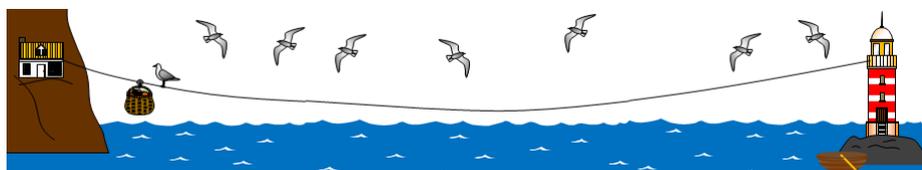
We are learning about Operating keyboard skills, the school network and simple programming.

PSHE:

We are following a unit of work based around 'How to be Healthy'.

N.B. Key ICT skills are mainly taught as part of cross curricular work. Most subjects are directly linked to the topic with few that are taught separately. In addition, reading, spelling, handwriting, grammar and mathematics follow separate schemes of work linked to the National Curriculum.

Don't forget you can help at home with daily reading, Buzz Words, learning number bonds and using the 'Espresso', Purple Mash and 'Oxford Owl' websites.



N.B. To log in to 'Espresso' you need to go to <https://home.espresso.co.uk> and log in as student11751 with the password of CM32RP

Please be patient as it takes quite a while to load, but there are loads of resources for the children to explore!