

Science

This term we will be focusing on being able to identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees. We have been looking at wild garden plants and, this half term, we will be finding out more about trees and exploring their features. We will be using the correct terminology to discuss plants growing. Our work on seasons will continue with a focus on weather patterns in the summer and particularly the role of the sun.



PE

In PE the children will be continuing their running, jumping and throwing unit from Summer 1. We will be exploring running at different speeds and we will continue to develop skipping methods in preparation for Sport Day.

Our other PE unit will be attack, defend, shoot where we will focus on taking turns, waiting patiently, working as a team and using our throwing, passing and catching skills.

ICT

This term the children will be looking at programming. This unit introduces children to on-screen programming through ScratchJr. Children will explore the way a project looks by investigating sprites and backgrounds. They will use programming blocks to use, modify, and create programs.

Land and Sea



PSHE

This half term we are covering our new SCARF unit 'Growing and Changing'. This unit will allow the children to explore the changes that happen from birth, through the toddler years to becoming a child. We will label all scientific body parts, including genitalia, and identify a range of adults that we can talk to and trust when we need help, for example, a doctor.

Design and Technology

In DT the children will be exploring food and nutrition. They will have the opportunity to design and make their own healthy breakfast.



Geography and History

This term children will be continuing to study the local area and will describe and draw characteristics of our locality. They will make simple maps and will look at aerial photographs of Mersea, learning about significant places. We will also be learning about the history of the RNLI and significant people such as Grace Darling.

RE

In RE we will be exploring the big question 'How did the universe come to be?' We will be exploring both Hindu and Christian stories of creation.



Reading

- During this half term we will be conducting the **national phonics screening** internally with all children in Year 1. In order to support your child, continue to revise graphemes and words containing the graphemes. Please practise the phonics revision booklet that was sent home before half term.
- All Year 1 staff are very proud of the progress and enthusiasm children have shown in their reading. A greater focus will now be placed on inference, prediction and higher order reading skills. We will be doing fluency reading in class with all the children.

Writing

- To support the transition into Year 2 we will be placing a greater emphasis on **extended writing** in different genres.
- We will be encouraging proof reading and editing of work as well as continuing to self-assess our achievements. In addition, we will rehearse the spelling of common exception words and days of the week.
- As ever, correct **punctuation** using question marks and exclamation marks as well as the application of our phonics skills will be paramount.
- We will continue to rehearse using the **conjunction “and”** to join clauses.

Handwriting

- We will continue to look at the formation of lower-case letters and forming capital letters correctly. Children should leave Year 1 being able to form all their letters and numbers correctly. We have also introduced joining some pairs of letters which we will also continue to practise.

How can you help your child?

- Read, read, read! Encourage your child to read **anything**, everything and as often as they can!

Please remember:

- Named water bottle, reading book and PE kit, in school **every** day.
- Apply sun cream before school and remember to bring a sun hat.
- Please check your child's PE kit for the summer term especially that their trainers still fit!

Maths

Multiplication and division: A large proportion of this half term will be spent focusing on multiplication and division. Children will use concrete objects, pictures and arrays in order to calculate the answer.

Capacity and volume: Our last maths topic this year will be capacity and volume. Children will be comparing the capacity and volume of containers and will be able to describe whether a container is empty, nearly empty, nearly full, full, half full, one quarter full and one quarter empty.

Key Dates

Year 1 Phonics Screening Week

Monday 8th June – Friday 12th June

Year 1 Boat Day Trip

Wednesday 17th June

Year 1 Pirate Dress Up Day

Friday 3rd July