

Class Newsletter



Welcome to the Summer Term! I hope that you all had a good Easter break. We now look forward to our summer term and hopefully some more of the beautiful sunny weather!

We are just embarking on our next topic for the term, 'Under the Sea'. This is a fun topic that the children will enjoy. We begin in the first half term with a geography focus, learning about the world's oceans, looking at coastal areas (particularly those in the UK) and human geographical features of beaches and seaside resorts. We also consider sustainability and pollution. Then next half term we will time travel back in time to find out about the history of the great British seaside holiday, looking at the customs and traditions of a bygone era, and those that are still with us today.



What else are we learning?

In **English**, the children will build on their learning to write longer pieces independently, including stories, information texts and poetry. They will focus on using accurate punctuation, expanded vocabulary and joining ideas with words like and, because and when. In reading, pupils will develop fluency and understanding, answering questions about texts and discussing characters, events and key ideas. Weekly spelling tests continue.

In **Maths** the children will extend their previous learning and develop their understanding of place value to perform more complex calculations. We are just starting a unit on fractions. We will be revisiting the four mathematical operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) to ensure that the children are fluent in these. We will also tackle the tricky area of telling the time. Times tables tests are going well with the children showing a real improvement in their knowledge. Please keep up the good work practising at home. Weekly tests will continue for times tables on a Friday morning.

In **Science**, the curriculum focuses on exploring minibeasts and biodiversity, helping children learn about habitats, food chains and how living things depend on each other. Pupils also develop their scientific enquiry skills through observing, investigating and asking simple questions about the natural world. We will also introduce the children to important figures in science and how discoveries are made.

Computing focuses on creating digital content, such as using word processing tools to organise and present instructions, developing key skills in formatting text and images. Pupils also explore new technologies like artificial intelligence, learning how machines can help us and how they are used in everyday life. We build confidence in using technology safely and purposefully, applying their knowledge through practical, creative projects.

In **RE** we are learning about stewardship of our planet. How do we care for Earth and how is this reflected in world religions? In the second half-term we consider who is inspirational to us as individuals and which key figures are seen as inspirational in some religions.

PSHCE looks at being our best. This incorporates looking after our bodies, health and hygiene, exercise and sleep, and promoting mental wellbeing through growth mindset.

Our first **Music** topic is on the British Isles and the sounds of Britain. The children will learn to combine and layer several instruments and vocal patterns. The second half term will focus on selecting and creating longer sequences of appropriate sounds with voices or instruments around a theme of myths and legends.

PE will be focused on summer sports such as athletics and rounders, as well as other invasion games. Through these we will continue to work on developing speed and agility, throwing, catching and jumping skills and developing tactical awareness and sportsmanship. We also look forward to summer tennis lessons.

If you would like more detailed information about what we teach please refer to the school website. You will find curriculum maps on the class page and a detailed progression of skills document under the 'curriculum' tab for each subject.

Curriculum pages: <https://www.turveyprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Curriculum&pid=25>

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