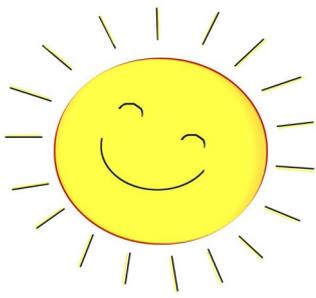


Year 1 Newsletter 13.6.25



We are two weeks into our final term of Year 1 and the children are enjoying all that we have to offer. With plenty of warm weather in the forecast, please remember to bring in a sun hat, your water bottles and apply your sun cream every morning and of course ensure children always bring a coat for any unexpected showers, so we can continue to enjoy some of our learning outdoors.



Curriculum

In Geography, we have launched our new topic, 'Why do we love to live beside the seaside?'. We were introduced to the new vocabulary *coastal*, *rural*, and *urban* and sorted pictures to demonstrate our understanding. We then thought about all the things we enjoy doing at the seaside and the children created a poster to encourage others to come and visit the coast.



In maths we have been learning to tell the time on an analogue clock. We learned how to read and write o'clock and half past times and applied our knowledge to solve real life problems. We have also been consolidating our maths skills in addition and subtraction.

In English we have listened to the story 'The Ugly Duckling'. We have acted out the story in small groups to help us remember it and drawn pictures to go with each paragraph. We are already becoming more confident at retelling this story and will use this to help us write our own 'wishing' story next week. We continue to work on our handwriting and have been working hard on spelling our red words this week. Try spelling these at home—one, once, today, says, school, friend.



Our computing unit this half term focuses on digital sound. Already we have



enjoyed exploring different websites such as Chrome Music Lab, Peg and Cat Music Maker on PBS Kids and Purple Mash, which allow us to create our own rhythms and we have had a try at layering different sounds to hear the effect! As part of our E-safety, we listened to the story 'Detective Digiduck' to help us understand how to identify

reliable information when we are online.

Our DT this term focuses on our food technology skill of cutting and we are working towards creating our very own fruit salad this term. We began by recapping the difference between fruit and vegetables after previously learning this in science. We also discussed which part of each plant we are eating. The next step will be to learn how to hold and use a knife correctly when cutting. This is a skill that is encouraged in the dinner hall at lunchtimes and can be practiced at home too. Beginning by cutting playdough is always a great way to start.



Trip to The Baltic and The Glasshouse

As you know, on Tuesday 1st July, we are taking the children to spend the morning at the Glasshouse to take part in the 'The Big Sing for Mini Singers', followed by a visit to the Hancock Museum in the afternoon. The children have been busy practicing the songs we will sing at the event, the theme of which is 'Get Down with the animals. As we are only able to take a limited number of additional adults with us on the trip, we would like to invite you to join us in school on Tuesday 15th July at 2:15pm where the children will perform their repertoire of songs for you to enjoy. We really hope you will be able to join us and hope it will be a joyous way to end a fabulous year with your children.

Thank you to those parents who have already volunteered to help us on the trip. We are limited by the number of adults we are allowed to bring to the event at the Glasshouse so we hope you understand that if more parents/carers offer their support than we have space for we will not be able to accommodate everyone.



Beach clean

A big thank you to those families who were able to join us at the beach clean this week. Although the area initially seemed quite clean, it was surprising how much rubbish we had found when it was all combined together. It was a great way to make a 'positive impact' on our local environment and so important for the children to see the impact we can have when we work together.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 17th June - Year 1 Sports Day 2pm

Thursday 26th June - 'Meet the Teachers' for Year 2, 9am

Tuesday 1st July—New to Year 2, informal drop-in 3.30-5pm

Tuesday 1st July—Year 1 trip to The Glasshouse to take part in 'The Big Sing for Mini Singers'.

Friday 4th July—Summer Fair 3:30pm

Tuesday 15th July 2:15pm singing performance for parents/carers

Friday 18th July—last day of term



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