

Key Stage 1 - Spring Term 2022

The topic for this term is called 'Lift wanted around the world! Where would you go?' based on the books 'The Snail and the Whale' by Julia Donaldson and 'The Journey Home' by Fran Preston

English The children will be using the story of 'The Snail and the Whale' to support writing around different viewpoints. They will be writing diary entries/postcards using the geographical vocabulary they learn to support this. The children will also use their research to write information about different parts of the world. They will continue working through the phonics programme in Year 1, and Year 2s will be looking at the use of apostrophes and suffixes. The spelling of high frequency words will also be a focus.



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Mathematics This term the children will be building on skills learnt in the autumn term. **Year 1** children will continue to work on addition and subtraction within 20, counting on, using number bonds and making 10. They will order and compare numbers to 50 and work on counting in 2's, 5's and 10's. The children will also work on measurement of length, height, weight and volume. In **Year 2** the children will be working on multiplication and division through sharing and grouping. They will then go on to work on statistics producing and interpreting tally charts, pictograms and block diagrams. The children will continue work on properties of shape, and learning more about fractions.



Computing The children will be using the internet to research information about different parts of the world and then use multimedia software to create an animation of the whale's journey. They will also be working on their coding skills using Scratch Junior. It is also Safer Internet Day this term and the children will learn about keeping safe online which we regularly revisit throughout the year.



PSHE The children will be thinking about how we can care for our world by recycling and not disposing of our rubbish carelessly. They will be thinking about what it means to belong to a community. We will also take part in our termly anti-bullying activities.

P.E. This term the children will be working on multi-skills, invasion games and gymnastics. Both year groups will also be creating culturally inspired dances.

Science The children will be working scientifically and will also have the opportunity to build on their knowledge of habitats when exploring different places/locations around the world. This includes going on a snail hunt. We will continue to look at changes in the seasons. During this topic the children will be planning an experiment to see how far different sounds travel.



Geography After an exciting treasure hunt to launch the topic, the children will 'stop off' at contrasting locations around the world linked to 'The Snail and the Whale' using geographical vocabulary to describe the physical and human features. They will be looking at the journey of the humpback whale. They will be learning the names of the continents and oceans, and also the different countries that make up the UK. They will use information (including atlases, globes and IT) to help ask and answer questions about places and environments describing different landscapes and climates, and making comparisons.

RE In R.E the children will be looking at the questions 'What do Christian people believe about God?'

Art/DT The children will be working as Team Ant to create junk model sculptures inspired by different cultures. They will create other artwork inspired by artists around the world including David Hockney through the media of paint and collage. In DT the children will cook and taste food from around the world.

History The children will find out about the explorers 'Scott of the Antarctic' and Ernest Shackleton.



Music The children will listen to and learn songs from around the world. They will also tell the story of 'The Whale Song' using musical instruments to accompany it. They will create their own whale music.