

English

We will be reading stories about the seaside including some favourites by Julia Donaldson. We will look at stories about characters on the beach, under the sea and then a couple of fantasy tales.

We will be learning how to write labels, captions and lists about different things we find at the seaside and under the sea.

Autumn 1

September and
October 2025

Please remember to hear your child read as often as possible, at least **four times** a week, and to **record this in their reading diary**. We will count how many times children have read on a Thursday. We will also send home 'Phonics folders' for you to help your child with the new sounds that they are learning at school. **Celebration assembly** is on a Friday. We will inform you on a Thursday afternoon (via Arbor) if your child will be receiving a reward.

Maths

Children in Reception will start off learning the basics of number focussing on counting, number formation and ordering as well as starting to think about addition and subtraction and 2D shapes.

Year 1 children will build on their skills from last year working initially on counting, sequences, addition, subtraction, shapes, money, time and measures.

Class 1

Mrs Pratley and Ms. Munro.
Mrs Pearce, Mrs Clements,
Mrs Beasley and Mrs
Badger.

Science

In science lessons we will be looking at different plants and animals that live at the seaside and under the sea. We will think about how these plants and animals are adapted for where they live and important features that they have. We will learn important vocabulary to label animals and use our observation skills to look for similarities and differences.



PHSE- What is the same and different about us?

RE:

We will be sharing and recording times and stories that are special and we will be thinking about why they are special. We will be reading stories from different religions and we will be discussing what these stories teach believers.

Computing/ ICT

We will be using the classroom computers and iPads to play a variety of games about the seaside. Children in Year 1 will start their work using 'Purple Mash'.

PE

We will start off our gym lessons this half term learning about different ways to travel thinking about speed, body parts, shapes and levels of travel.

Games lessons will focus on co-ordination and movement using a variety of equipment, songs and games. They will be led by our sports coach Liam, as well as Class 1 staff.

Music

We will be using our voices and body sounds to make music for our music topic 'By the sea!'

Curriculum

Our curriculum this half term is all about the seaside. We will look at holidays that we have had and compare these to holidays in the past to see how they are the same and different. We will look specifically at the Victorian period and how their holidays differed to ours. We will think about activities that we do at the beach and objects we might find there. We will learn important vocabulary related to the landscape around the sea and find geographical features using maps and Google Earth. We will look at the features of a seaside, rock pools and under the sea.

Phonics with handwriting and spelling is taught daily from Monday to Thursday 9.00am until 9.30am.

Art/Design

Children will use mixed media to depict aspects of the sea and beach in their art lessons.

They will use their DT skills to construct items related to the seaside such as lighthouses, rock pools and different sea mammals during their Curriculum lessons.

We will have an 'art day' where we will learn about Van Gogh and one of his famous pieces of artwork that we will recreate in our own style.