



Wrens' Newsletter Summer Term 2017

Our topic this term is '**By The Seaside**'; it will have strong links to Science, D.T. and History. Please find further details about each subject below.

<p>English</p> 	<p>Our English and topic are always closely linked and this term is no exception. In the first term we will be doing a lot of creative writing using the texts 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' and 'Gracie the Lighthouse Cat'. The children will also have the opportunity to write their own stories based on short animations. In the second half term the focus will shift to non-fiction texts, where the children will be using information books to learn about different sea creatures. They will build up to writing their own information books at the end of the term. If you have any books at home that you think could help us with our topic, please send them in.</p> <p>In phonics this term the children will be exploring alternative pronunciations for the graphemes they already know, as well as continuing to consolidate their word specific knowledge of the spellings of words.</p>
<p>Maths</p> 	<p>Maths lessons take place every day and we also have regular, 'short and snappy' mental maths sessions (eg: from 8.40, before lunch, etc) for 10-15 minutes. Each term we ensure that the children have lots of opportunities to develop their basic number skills as well as exploring other areas of the maths curriculum including, measurement, shape, position and direction. This term there will be lots of opportunities for the children to apply their mathematical understanding in a purposeful way, though our topic 'By The Seaside', for example, by measuring sea creatures and designing their own boats.</p>
<p>Science</p> 	<p>Our Science work this term will link closely to our topic 'By The Seaside', as well as building on the work the children did last term on materials. The children will further develop their understanding of the properties of different materials by designing and building their own boats. They will also learn about the needs and habitats of different sea creatures.</p>
<p>Computing</p> 	<p>Our learning this term will focus on 'Programming'. Through the computer programme 'Scratch' the children will learn to control the motion of a sea creature that they have created. They will also take a more active role in sharing their learning on the class webpage.</p>
<p>Geography</p> 	<p>Linked to our topic, the children will learn about the Continents and Oceans of the world by planning specific routes for their boats to travel around a world map. Later on in the term, they will consider how Houghton is different to Hunstanton. The children will be encouraged to use basic geographical language to talk about the key physical and human features of each place.</p>
<p>History</p>	<p>This half term the children will be learning about Grace Darling and the great rescue. Later on in the term, they will find out about lifeboats and how they have changed over time.</p>

<p>Art & DT</p> 	<p>In Art we will be learning how to use powder paints to make our own colours in preparation for moving to Year 2! The children will take inspiration from the book 'Rainbow Fish' and experiment with mixing different colours to create a 'Rainbow Fish' display for the KS1 corridor.</p>
<p>Music</p> 	<p>In Music this term all of our learning will be focused on the songs: 'Round & Round' and 'Reflect, Rewind & Replay'. The children will play games to develop their understanding of pulse, rhythm and pitch, sing along and play instruments to perform the songs in lots of different ways. They will also take part in a weekly 'Singing Assembly'.</p>
<p>PSHE</p> 	<p>The focus in PHSE lessons this term will be 'Healthy Lifestyles' and 'Managing Change'. This half term the children will consider what it means to be healthy and learn about the different ways they can stay healthy, for example, through healthy eating and being active. Next half term the children will discuss changes that they have already experienced, for example, as part of growing up, and talk about changes in the near future, for example, moving to year 2. They will consider different ways of coping with change.</p>
<p>Physical Education</p> 	<p>This half term the children will be taking part in tennis lessons with a coach from Houghton Tennis Club. The children will begin by developing the basic skills of throwing, catching and hitting before progressing on to playing tennis with a partner. Later on in the term, they will practice the skills needed to be successful on Sports Day.</p>
<p>Religious Education</p> 	<p>This term the children will listen to lots of stories to help develop their understanding of why Christians consider Jesus to be an inspirational leader and teacher. The children will also consider whom or what inspires them.</p>
<p>Other Information</p> 	<p>As I'm sure many of you have heard already, this term Year 1 and 2 will be going on a school trip to Hunstanton. The children will visit Hunstanton Sea Life Centre before going to the beach for a picnic and paddle! The trip will take place on Tuesday 20th June (letter to follow shortly). Please continue to support your child to learn their spellings this term and aim to listen to them read at least 3 times a week. Don't forget to sign their reading diary when they need a new book. As and when the weather improves, please ensure that your child has a clearly labelled bottle of sun cream and a sun hat in school at all times.</p>

And finally...

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs Ferrett