

Science

- Sorting and grouping of sea creatures
- Experiments about buoyancy and boats carrying loads
- Floating and sinking
- Salt water and fresh water
- Life cycle of a sea creature

Topic Activities

- Looking at maps and atlases to learn the seas and the oceans
- Researching facts about sea life
- Singing songs linked to boats, fishing, sea shanties
- Christmas crafts

Key Vocabulary

Seas oceans	Buoyancy
Lifeboats	Floating
Tides	Sinking
Under water	Waterproof
Maritime	Mammals
Harbour	Molluscs
Tsunami	Crustaceans
Reflections	Echinoderms
Lighthouse	Cephalopod
Lifebuoys	Warm/cold blooded

Open Classroom and Learning Together

Open classroom gives parents an opportunity to pop in to your child's class once a week to look at their books. Each week there will be a different set of books for you to look at with your child. This is not a time to discuss your child's progress with the teacher but separate appointments can be made if you have any concerns or questions.

Learning together is a half hour session every Tuesday from 08:55 - 09:30. This half term we are focusing on "Reading Together". You are welcome to come as often as you can.

Y2 Newsletter

This will be produced regularly to update you with forthcoming events.

Homework Project

An information leaflet on a sea creature of own choice.
Where does it live?
What does it like to eat?
What does it look like?
How does it protect itself?

Please bring homework projects in on Monday 20th November.

Christmas

A traditional nativity will be performed in the week beginning 4th December.

Monday 4th December— 09:30 Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity dress rehearsal
Tuesday 5th December—Performance at 2.00pm
Wednesday 6th December—Performance 9.30am
Monday 18th December—Christmas dinner
Tuesday 19th December—Christmas party

CHOIR

Tuesday 5th December - Rotary Christmas Concert at St. Johns in the Field

Sunday 10th December—Singing at the Guildhall at 1.00pm
(Details to follow).

SPECIAL EVENTS

A class trip to the cinema is planned for Monday 13th November to see "Beauty and the Beast". The film showing begins at 13:00 and finishes at 14:40. This is a free event sponsored by "Into Film".

Other Activities to do at Home

- Point out full stops, capital letters, question marks and exclamation marks when reading
- Play games such as snakes and ladders
- Start to practise telling the time
- Count backwards from 20, from 30. from 100
- Walk round the harbour
- Visit the aquarium in Plymouth or Newquay
- Visit the town library for books
- Explore 'National Geographic for Kids'
- Practise spellings
- Learn 2, 5 and 10 times tables

PSHE - Personal, Social and Health Education

- Rules for the class agreed by the children
- Rules for speaking and listening
- Friendship
- Sharing and taking turns
- Being resilient when resolving problems
- Growth mindset



RE

In RE the children will be thinking about special times linked to harvest and celebrations with a focus on Christmas

Computing

The children will be using the 2simple animate program to draw sea creatures and make a simple animation.

PE / SWIMMING

We will continue using apparatus in the hall for gymnastics on Thursdays; and swimming on Tuesdays. There are 5 more swimming sessions (the last one is on 21st November).

Literacy

In Literacy we will be:

- Learning the poem 'The Sound Collector' by Roger McGough, off by heart
- Writing our own versions of 'The Sound Collector' and linking it to sea sounds
- Writing a recount of a class trip
- Creating an explanation text about the life cycle of a sea creature
- Writing a Christmas story from another culture
- Focusing on using capital letters and full stops
- Trying to use conjunctions, such as and, but, so, when, because, in sentences
- Phonics and spellings on an ongoing weekly basis
- Grammar—adjectives; past and present tense; nouns, verbs, adverbs.

Mathematics

In maths we will be:

- Recall and use addition and subtraction facts fluently to 20, and use this information to related facts up to 100
- Add and subtract with 2 digit numbers and ones using number lines, a bar model and the column method
- Recognise and learn the inverse relationship between addition and subtraction
- Time
- Counting in steps of 2,3,5 from 0 and in 10s from any number forwards and backwards
- Recognise odd and even numbers
- Learn the 2x, 5x, and 10x table and related division facts
- Fractions of shapes—halves, quarters and thirds

Maths Targets

Keep going with the maths targets in your child's maths passport.



Setting Sails Curriculum

How is the sea important to living things?

**Sandpipers and Cormorants
Autumn 2017**

