



Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter – Summer 1

PE	Forest School Days	Important Dates
Shark – Monday & Tuesday Seahorse – Tuesday & Wednesday Starfish – Monday & Friday	No Forest school planned for this half term.	Monday 15 th April – first day of term Friday 24 th May – Last day of half term Thursday 25 th April – Exotic Animal Encounter
Phonics	Children will be assessed again in the next week or so and groups will be adjusted at that point accordingly. We are very pleased with the progress that the children are making. Please can I remind you of the importance of reading with your children and of your children bringing their reading log and reading book (s) into school daily to ensure they are able to read in school as appropriate and that books can be changed as required.	
English	In Talk for Writing, the children will be looking at a fiction text called The Storm Whale. The children will be writing their own stories about finding an animal in trouble, saving it and returning it to its own habitat. Help your child prepare for their learning: With your children, please discuss animals at home, in particular any that are endangered. If you are able to visit a library, perhaps you could look at some other books about helping animals and discuss these with your children.	
Maths	In maths, we will be looking at mass and volume, learning how to measure and compare mass, volume and capacity. Towards the end of the term we will be taking a first look at multiplication and division and make a start on our fractions topic. Help your child prepare for their learning: Please encourage your children around the home to discuss weighing and measuring things, if you have kitchen scales, perhaps you could weigh ingredients together.	
Science	In science, we will be continuing our topic from earlier in the year on animals including humans. We have a special day getting up close and meeting some exotic animals, this will hopefully be a huge benefit to our science topic and a great experience for the children to enhance their learning. We will then consider the seasons changing from Spring to Summer Help your child prepare for their learning: At home, please talk with your child about animals and look through any books you may have. You could also discuss the changes in weather and season, perhaps looking at changes in the garden or other open spaces.	
RE	We are completing the first unit from our new RE curriculum using a platform called Kapow, 'What is God's job?'. We will then complete our second unit, 'Why Should We Care for our World'. In this unit we will be considering creation and why we should look after our world from a variety of world view perspectives.	
DT	This half term, we will be making moving story books. We will learn about different mechanisms. The children will plan and design their own moving storybooks and then complete their construction. We will be working on our DT project throughout the course of a week later in the half term.	
History	In history, we will be learning about Great Inventions – The First Flight. The children will be learning about the Wright brothers and their invention as well as the development of the first engines used for the first passenger railway.	
Music	The children this half term will be learning about Vocal and body sounds – By the Sea. We will be learning about how music can be used to represent environments and changes in those environments.	
PSHE	'Relationships' is the title of our PSHE topic for Summer 1. We will be looking at our many relationships, families, friends, people who can help us and learning how we can be our own best friend.	