

The Teachers in Year are: Miss Harrison, Mrs Pericleous, Mrs Williamson and Mrs Hubbard
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Our Topic this Half Term is 'Big Wide World' and 'Splash'

This half term, our topics are 'Big Wide World' and 'Splash' In the Wide World topic, your child will find out about the world in which they live. They will learn about different climates and explore habitats, including their flora and fauna. They will locate the United Kingdom on a world map and compare life in the United Kingdom with life elsewhere. They will also learn about caring for their environment, both locally and beyond. In the Splash topic, your child will explore water play and learn about the different forms and bodies of water. They will learn about freezing and melting and make ice lollies. They will investigate objects that float or sink and explore capacity.

English This half term we will continue to read different stories relating to our topic along with a variety of non-fiction texts to help us learn lots of information about the topics. We will be answering lots of questions about what we have read to show our understanding. In Phonics, Nursery will continue to hear initial sounds in words. Some children will continue to explore the first few sounds in Phonics (s a t p i n) and find objects beginning with these sounds. Children will be listening out for a rhyming pair of words. Reception, will continue to learn new tricky words and revise all sounds learnt so far. Children will be encouraged to use these to write sentences independently with an emphasis around sentence structure. Children will become more independent remembering the use of capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. We will continue to focus on how a sentence is structured.

How you could help your child prepare for the topic...

Use Google Earth to explore where you live and look up places you would like to visit.

Talk about places around the world you have visited, or places that family members or friends live. Look at the places on a map and talk about ways to travel.

If you go on holiday, send a postcard to school to show where you went. Talk about how you use water at home and why it is important to drink water throughout the day.

Find out about animals that live in water.

Have fun playing with water in the bath, a paddling pool or swimming

Maths

Our learning for this half term will be learning to:

- Verbally count beyond 20, recognising the pattern of the counting system;
- Compare quantities up to 10 in different contexts, recognising when one quantity is greater than, less than or the same as the other quantity;
- Learn number bonds to 5/10 off by heart

General Reminders:

Home Learning:

PE: Our PE days are Mondays and Fridays. Children must come to school in their PE kit, this can be leggings, jogging bottoms or shorts as the weather (hopefully!) gets a little warmer. All earrings must be removed. Any child with earrings will NOT be allowed to take part. Children will be taking part in Yoga Bugs every Wednesday. They can wear their normal school uniform for this but earrings MUST be removed for this activity.

Forest School: This will take place every Friday.

Reading: Your child will continue to receive worded reading books with the sounds and tricky words they have learnt in phonics. Encourage your child to use expression in their voice. Can they spot the full stops? – remind them this is time to take a breath. Books will be given out on a Friday and must be returned the following Thursday.. Please support your child with their reading: it really makes a difference! Aim to hear them read a minimum of three times a week – little and often works best ☺

Water Bottles and Hats : We encourage the children to drink water throughout the day. Please send a named water bottle in each day. The bottle must contain water only. We do not allow squash, juice or flavoured water. Please provide a sunhat for your child as the weather starts to warm up (hopefully!)

Useful Websites:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/5-7-years/letters-and-sounds>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/topics/animals>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ID9tjBUiXs0>

Summer Dates for your Diary:

Monday 17th June – School Closure Day
Tuesday 18th June – Parents' Forum
Wednesday 19th June – Summer Fair
Friday 21st June – Stay and Play (am)
Thursday 4th July – School Trip
Wednesday 10th July – Sports Day
Monday 15th July – Reports to parents
Tuesday 23rd July - School breaks up for Summer
Wednesday 5th September – Back to school

Any other Information

Children will be set homework on a Friday – This is to be completed by the following Thursday. ☺