

Interesting ways to support learning

Why not watch some episodes of David Attenborough's One Planet or other similar shows on BBC iplayer.

Browse websites like National Geographic Kids and search for information on oceans.

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/>

SPECIAL CELEBRATION EVENT

Please come along to our whole school open morning on Friday 13th December from 9:00-10:00 am.

All the classrooms across the school will be open to visitors so we can celebrate learning across the school.

HOW CAN MY PARENT HELP ME?

Please take a look at our new website and in particular the Home Learning page where you will find useful websites and spelling resources to support your child's learning at home.

Reading: We would encourage children to read for pleasure as much as possible. We allow children in Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6) to choose their own reading books. However, we will always ensure that each child has chosen a book with a suitable level of challenge. We expect all children to be reading independently or to an adult for at least 20 minutes 4 times a week.

Maths: 'Times Table Rockstars' is a fun, free interactive game online which can be accessed via our school website. All the children have a school log- in which they can use at home. The children should understand how it works. Please encourage your child to play in their spare time, as times tables recall is an essential skill that will help them across the maths curriculum. Children in Year 4 will be sitting a national Times Table Test in the summer term and TT Rockstars is excellent preparation for this.



<https://play.ttrockstars.com/>



Our Wonderful World

Lower Key Stage 2 Team



TOPIC OVERVIEW TERM 2

Welcome back!

We hope that you had an enjoyable half term. We all enjoyed learning about rivers as part of our autumn topic Our Wonderful World.

This half term we will extend our learning further to focus on the oceans. The children will be able to locate the world's oceans and continents, explore the different layers of the ocean and how different animals survive. We will look at coastlines and the impact of humans on our oceans. Finally we will be doing some creative writing about shipwrecks and lost cities.



THIS TERM, YOU WILL LEARN...

English	This term we will be writing to inform which will include newspapers and letter writing. During these units of work, the children will also be learning the National Curriculum Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar objectives.
Maths	We will be working through the National Curriculum for Maths. Our focus for this term will be Addition and Subtraction. The children will be taught in year groups for maths. We will also be focusing on our recall of multiplication and division facts using Timestable Rockstars.
Science	The children will be learning about the water cycle and also electricity.
Art & Design	Observational drawing skills.
Geography	This term we will continue our whole school theme of 'Our Wonderful World' and the children will be learning about the natural world with a focus on Oceans including shipwrecks, lost cities as well as the layers of the ocean and exploring coastlines.
PE	Tag Rugby Hockey
French	The children will explore numbers, counting as well as some cross curricular topic work.
Music	Singing, preparation for carol concert.
Computing	The children will be learning about coding.
RE	What makes some occasions in life significant and how and why are these recognised and celebrated? (Diwali, Tu B'Shvat)
PSHE	Mindfulness Anti-Bullying Week

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THIS TERM

PE:

Please could you ensure that children have their PE kit in school all week. PE kits should include:

A plain white top / house top (summer)

Plain black or navy joggers / shorts

A school rugby top (winter) – these are a new addition to our PE uniform and are available from 'Make It Mine', our school uniform shop. Alternatively a black or navy jumper (no hoodies).

Sports trainers (can be same as those worn to school, if dark coloured) however we will be doing rugby so a change of shoes is preferable if possible.

Please make sure that all school uniform items (including PE kits) are clearly labelled.

Equipment:

All stationery is provided by school. No pencil cases or other equipment from home should be brought in as this often causes problems if items get broken or lost and can act as a distraction for some children.

Snacks:

We would encourage you to send your child in with a healthy snack (fruit or cheese) that can be eaten at playtime. It is important that your child brings a water bottle to school each day.

Mornings

The school day starts at **8:40am** so the children should arrive and go straight to the playground between 8.30 and 8.40am. A whistle is blown at 8.40am and children should line up in their classes. The class teacher will then collect the children and take them back to class for registration. At this point parents will need to allow their child to enter the school building with their class and class teacher. We believe that this is good practice to build independence as the children move up through the school.

End of the Day

All classes will be dismissed from the playground. If your child has a play date or is being collected by someone else, please inform the office, as without permission we will be unable to allow the children to go.

Special Event:

Friday 13th December – Open Classrooms 9-10 am.