

Literacy

This term, Year 1 will explore three exciting writing units. First, they will learn to write a simple non-chronological report about birds using facts from *RSPB First Book of Birds*. Next, they will enjoy a narrative unit called *Song of the Sea*, focusing on storytelling, description and sentence skills. Finally, the children will create a persuasive leaflet for an imaginary "Ice Planet Adventure Park," learning how to use persuasive language and clear, organised ideas.

The reception children will begin their term with Reception will dive into well-loved traditional tales such as Little Red Riding Hood, Goldilocks and The Three Little Pigs. Children will learn to retell stories using actions, explore characters and settings, create story maps, and take part in drama and role-play. They will also begin changing parts of the stories to create their own simple versions. They will also join in with the Year 1 topics that will be adapted to suit their learning needs.



Computing

In computing this term, we will be continuing to use the computers to assist with our research for our topics. We are also using purple mash, TT Rockstars, phonics play and topmarks.

Science - "Everyday Materials"



This term in science, our children will investigate different materials and their properties through hands-on activities linked to boats and buildings. They will explore natural and human-made materials, test which materials are waterproof or strong, use simple classification like Venn diagrams, and carry out investigations to see which materials float, sink or let light through.

Maths

EYFS will be learning:

- Mass and capacity
- Length and height
- Composition of number to 10
- 3D shapes

Following the WhiteRose scheme of maths:



KS1 will be learning:

- Place value (within 20 and 50)
- Addition and Subtraction
- Place Value
- Length and height
- Mass and volume



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Design & Technology - "Building Beach Huts"

Children will become designers and makers as they explore real beach huts and what makes a structure strong and stable. They will experiment with materials, learn how to saw wood safely, join pieces using wood glue, and then build and decorate their own wooden beach hut. They will finish by evaluating their work like real world designers.



Music - "Sea Shanties"

In music, children will enjoy learning traditional sea shanties and songs inspired by the ocean. They will develop their singing skills, keep a steady beat, and perform as part of a group. The children will listen to music from coastal traditions (including the Fisherman's Friends) and explore how music was used to help sailors work together at sea.

Phonics

In Reception, we have worked through lots of our initial sounds are working on our sounding out and blending to read short decodable words. Additionally, we are learning new sounds every day.

Year 1 will continue progressing through the phases and are using their phonetic knowledge to support their reading and writing. Additionally, they are working on sight reading tricky words.



History & Geography

History - "Life by the Sea"

This term, the children will explore what life was like in coastal towns in the past. They will learn about old seaside jobs, how coastal communities have changed over time, and the adventures of Captain Cook. Children will compare seaside life then and now, helping them understand how people's work and daily experiences have developed through history.

Geography - "Our Coasts"

In geography, the children will learn about the physical and human features of the coast, including cliffs, beaches and harbours. They will use maps and simple keys, explore how the coastline is shaped by erosion, and find out why places like Whitby and Saltwick Nab are special. The children will also learn about coastal rescue and how people keep safe by the sea.



RE & PSHE

The children have been learning about Jesus and Christianity through their weekly RE lessons.

Class, one have been looking at being kind and friendships.

PE

The children are continuing with weekly sports lessons, led by specialists.

Other points to note:

The children have weekly P.E. sessions.

The children also have reading books to read at home and school and can log onto Bug Club phonics to read independently at home.