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Whales Class Spring 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,
Welcome back after Christmas! We have a busy half term planned and our curriculum map can be found on the back of this letter. Please make sure your child has a named jumper and coat and can we also take this opportunity to remind you that children should bring a named drink bottle each day and that it should contain water, not juice unless otherwise agreed with senior leadership. Snacks brought from home need to be fruit only and packed lunches should not include sweets.

Diary Dates

Last day of Spring 1 term: Friday 10th February 2023

Back to school for Spring 2 term: Monday 20th February 2023

Last day of Spring 2 term: Friday 31st March 2023

Staff

Below is a table explaining who will be teaching Whales during the week.

	Monday	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
AM	Mrs Gkikopoulos	Mrs Gkikopoulos	Mrs Gkikopoulos	Mrs Gkikopoulos	Mrs Gkikopoulos
PM	Mrs Sparey	Miss Baker	Mrs Gkikopoulos	Mrs Gkikopoulos	Miss Baker (with Lions)

Class Dojo

Keep a track of how your child is doing on Class Dojo - if you haven't already, please follow the link in the instruction letter sent out last term. Please note, teachers **will not** be responding to any messages sent on Class Dojo, so please continue to contact the school office for messages and enquiries.

Homework

- All children are expected to **read for a minimum of 10 minutes daily**. They have been given a reading record book to record their reads (this can be done by themselves or by an adult). They will receive a Dojo point for being 'Responsible Readers'.
- Children will receive a **weekly homework task in their homework books**. This will be set on a Friday, to be handed in on Thursdays. This will be a Maths/English/ Science based task.
- Children are also expected to continue practising their **times tables skills using Times Table Rockstars**. Children should already have their login, but this will also be put in their homework books.
- We will also be sending out the **'Homework tasks'** grids for children to complete as and when they like. It's lots of fun!

PE

PE will be on **Tuesday** with Miss Baker. Children should wear their PE kit into school on that day. PE kit should be a plain white T-shirt and dark (navy/black) bottoms and jumper when needed (not hooded), plus suitable trainers.

Just one Norfolk

A reminder that justonenorfolk contains a wide range of information and support for families ranging from healthy eating, creating sleep routines, child development, family support, family break up and emotional needs to name but a few. https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/

With best wishes,
Mrs Gkikopoulos

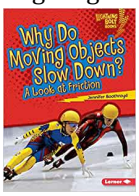
Whales Curriculum Map

Spring 1

Science

Whales will be learning all about forces and magnetism this half term. We will begin by investigating push and pull forces and exploring the effects of friction using toy cars!

We will then be exploring magnets, learning through child-led investigations which materials are magnets, which magnets are the most powerful, and what happens when you put like poles together. We will then be making compasses using magnets!



Key Vocab: Force, push, pull, friction, surface, magnet, magnetic, magnetic field, pole, north, south, attract, repel, compass.

Mathematics

We begin the term by building on our place value skills. We will then move on to algebra, geometry, and addition and subtraction. We also begin each day with 'Fluent in Five' and practise our times tables throughout the week.

Key Vocab: less than, greater than, hundreds, thousands, position, direction.

PE

In PE this term we will be looking at cognitive skills. These include team strategies, coordination and movement concepts.

Computing (with Lions)

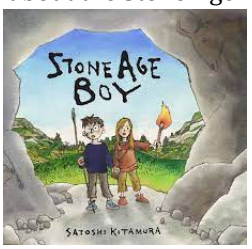
This half term the children will be using Scratch (a computer programming site) along with story sequencing to create a fact game about the planets of the solar system. They will need to think of their characters, backgrounds, programming language and Solar system facts.

Key vocab:

Sprite, stage, backdrop, coding, bug, debug, sequence, story, block, command.

History

Whales will be investigating the Stone Age this half term. We will begin by creating a prehistoric timeline, then we will be representing the biggest achievements of mankind in cave art form. We will also become archaeologists and use artefacts to make deductions about the Stone Age.



Key Vocab: Palaeolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic. Community, Gatherers Archaeology, infer/deduce

English

We will be reading 'Flood' by Alvaro F. Villa, and we will then write a disaster story following the Jane Considine sentence stacking technique.

Children will be developing their skills in writing complex sentences, using personification, similes and repetition for effect.



We will also be doing regular 'Book Talk' sessions using the Jane Considine Reading Rainbow to improve reading skills. This term, the book we will use for our reading lessons is 'Stig of the Dump' by Clive King, which links closely to our areas of study in history.



Additionally, we will have daily spelling/phonics and regular handwriting sessions.

Children will learn a new set of spellings every week and their progress will be regularly assessed.

Music (with Lions)

This term we will learn about the process of how Holst composed each Piece of 'The Planets' and use this process to make group compositions

Key Vocab- Character, speed,dynamics (loud or quiet), pitch, rhythm, shape (spikey or smooth),crescendo,

Religious Education

What is the Trinity?

We will be looking at the Christian symbols of the Trinity, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit and how these are represented.

Key Vocab: Baptism Father, Gospel, Holy Spirit Incarnation, Son, Symbol Trinity

Art

Children will be working with paint, cloth and thread to create a mixed-media piece of art this half term. We will be looking at the work of artists Alice Kettle and Hannah Rae

Key vocab: Visual notes, marks, background, hues, tints, texture, stitch, landscape

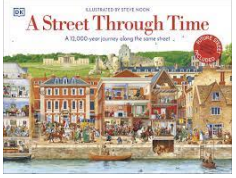
French

We will be using Petit Chaperon Rouge (Little Red Riding Hood) to help us learn the names of body parts!

Key Vocab: La bouche-The mouth, Le nez-The nose Les yeux - the eyes

Geography

We will be learning all about settlements this half-term. Children will discover that settlements are established based on the needs of the settlers for resources such as food, water and shelter. They will then be using this knowledge to decide on the best location for a new settlement. We will also be learning how many of Britain's settlements were established by invaders, and that we can deduce this from the place names.



Key Vocab: human/physical geography, urban, rural, settlement, resources, location, invaders, Norfolk place names