

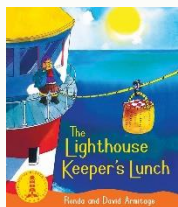
# Why should we look after the oceans?

## Year 1 and 2 Newsletter Term 4 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Term 3 saw us dive into learning about animals. The children loved exploring animals from around the globe, having a visitors talking all things animals and making and creating their own animal art! In term 4, we will be looking at oceans and why we should keep them safe. The children will explore materials in science linked to the impact on the ocean, write poetry, build sculptures and explore one of the biggest events to happen within an ocean; the sinking of the Titanic. We are also hoping to make it out on a trip to the beach now we are coming to the end of winter! More details will follow.

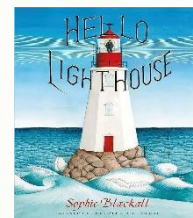
Some of the texts we will be using for our learning are:



Story re-telling



Poetry



Information texts

If you would like a learning activity to complete at home this term with your child, you could choose from one of these example activities:

- Make a sculpture from recycled materials
- Visit the beach and create some art work
- Research the oceans around the world and create a fact file
- Research people that advocate for our oceans (For example Greta Thunberg)
- Create a story around the animals in the ocean or a lighthouse keeper

The learning map attached to this newsletter outlines the areas we will be learning about and some of the work we will be doing in teacher-focussed activities and group work.

### Helping to enrich our topics

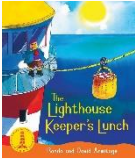

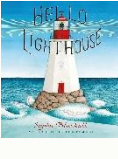


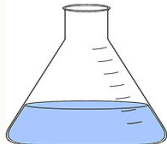

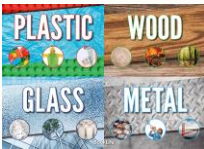






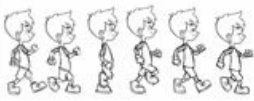






It is always great to have items that support our topic, so if anyone has any items that may help us with any of the work above that we could borrow, we would love to see them. We will have a topic-based sharing session on Monday's and Friday's.

Year 1 will be on a Monday and Year 2 will be on a Friday.

If the children do bring in objects, please name them or put them in a labelled bag.

# 'What makes animals unique?' Learning Map Term 3 2022

What are we learning this term?

Literacy	 Story re-telling	 Poetry	 Information texts
Maths	Y2 Multiplication and division Y1 Place value within 50 	Measure - length and height 	Measure – mass and volume 
Science	Investigations 	Materials 	Questioning 
History	What did we learn from the sinking of the Titanic? 		
Music		Composing music	
ICT	E-Safety 		Animated story books 
PSHE	Healthy Me! 	Healthy me	
DT		Sculptures and recycled materials	
RE		Why does Easter matter to Christians?	

## Home Learning

<b>Reading</b>	<p>Please read with your child <b>at least three times a week</b>. When reading with your child, please acknowledge the fact that the book has been read by <b><u>signing and dating in the reading record book</u></b>. During reading sessions, please discuss the story with your child and ask them questions about what they are reading. These questions will help to develop their understanding of what they are reading as comprehension and discussion are key reading skills in Year 1 and 2. <b>The children will be bringing home a library book alongside their reading book to share with you each week and changed on a Monday</b>. This might be one they can read themselves but they might choose it as a book for sharing time with an adult at home.</p> <p>Our new 'reading raffle' incentive will be logged at the end of every week and each child will get their 'name in the hat' if they have read 3 or more times that week. At the end of the term all the names will be entered and a winner will be chosen for a book voucher!</p>
<b>Phonics (y1)</b>	<p>The children will continue to bring home a phonics sheet with the words, sentences and spellings they will have learn the previous week. Please ask your children to read the sounds and words on these sheets to you. They can form part of their weekly reading logs at home and can be recorded in their reading record books.</p>
<b>Maths/ grammar (y2)</b>	<p>Year 1 and 2 will be continuing with their maths CPG books, these are due in on a Friday and sent home on a Monday. We will be starting the spring term activities.</p> <p>Year 2 will continue completing their spelling/grammar books, these are due in on a Friday and sent home on a Monday.</p>

## Useful information and reminders:

- Please can you make sure your child brings in a **water bottle** and their **book bag** each day. We use their books daily so these need to be placed in a box in the mornings.
- The children will need a **named coat, hat and gloves** in school as the weather starts to get colder and wetter.
- Our PE days are **Tuesdays and Thursdays** so please send your child into school in their PE on these days.

We hope you all have lovely term supporting the children in their learning. Please do not hesitate to come and speak to us if you have any questions.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Mackarness and Mrs Wilkinson