

What happens where I live?

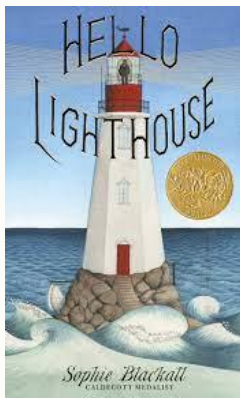
Squirrels Newsletter Term 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

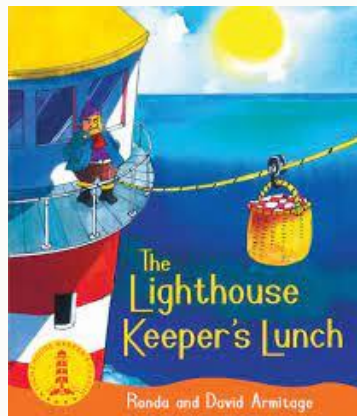
This term we are beginning an exciting new topic - *What happens where I live?* We will be learning about our local area, comparing it with different places around the world and notable people who are from here or who link to our theme of lighthouses. It is also our turn for Forest School! Further information about what to expect will follow. We will also be performing a Nativity, so prepare to hear the children singing the songs we will be learning!

Please could you send in wellies for your child as a lot of our learning will take place outside and the field can be quite muddy in the winter.

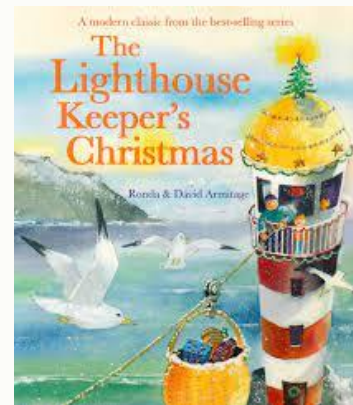
Some of the key texts we will be using for our learning are:



Diary writing



Instruction writing and diary entries



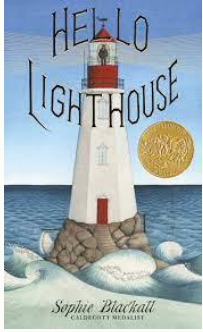
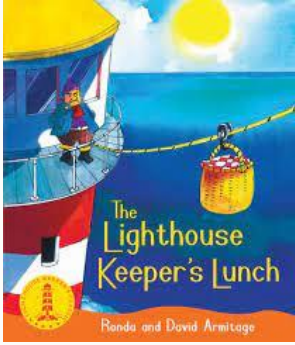
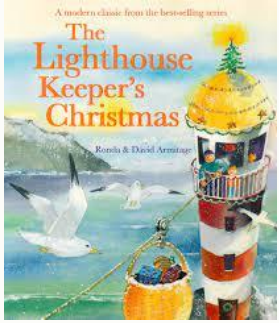



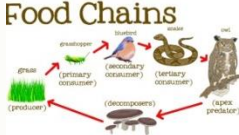














Story writing






If you would like a learning activity to complete at home during this term with your child, you can choose from one of the following:

- create a map of the local area
- make a sculpture of a local landmark
- create an information leaflet about a local town
- make a poster about where you live and the places you love

'What happens where I live?' Learning Map Term 2 2021

What are we learning this term?

<p>Literacy</p>	 <p>Diary writing</p>	 <p>Instruction writing</p>	 <p>Letter writing</p>
<p>Maths</p>	 <p>Calculation</p>	 <p>Money</p>	 <p>Shape</p>
<p>Science</p>	 <p>Food chains</p>	 <p>Living things and their habitat</p>	 <p>Different plants</p>
<p>History</p>	 <p>Remembrance</p>	 <p>Grace Darling</p>	 <p>Local area</p>
<p>Geography</p>	 <p>Atlases</p>	 <p>Maps</p>	 <p>Local area</p>
<p>Music</p>	 <p>Valerie Bloom poetry</p>	 <p>Christmas songs</p>	 <p>Christmas songs</p>
<p>Computing</p>	<p>E-Safety</p> 		 <p>Maze explorers</p>

PSHE	Celebrating difference		
Art		Artists from around the world	
RE	Understanding Christianity		Incarnation

Home Learning

Reading	<p>Please read with your child at least three times a week, even if it is just for 5 minutes. When reading with your child, please acknowledge the fact that the book has been read by <u>signing and dating in their reading record book</u>.</p> <p>Session one could be you reading the book to your child, session two spotting some sounds they know and session three reading it to you, so they are very confident by the third read.</p> <p>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.</p>
Spellings and homework	<p>Spellings will be tested on Friday. The first section of spellings are the ones for all children to have a go at. The middle section for more confident spellers and the challenge words only if they want to try them!</p>
Maths	<p>Mymaths homework will be set on Fridays and due in the following Friday. It will focus on multiplication this term.</p> <p>Year 1 children should be learning 10x, 2x and 5x tables.</p> <p>Year 2: when secure with the 2x, 5x and 10x tables, children should be moving onto 3x and 4x tables.</p> <p>BBC Bitesize website has links to times tables songs that children can learn.</p> <p>https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/topics/zqbg87h</p> <p>Purple Mash Times Tables Games:</p> <p>https://www.purplemash.com/</p> <p>Search for 'speed tests' and then choose the one that you would like to practise.</p>

Useful Websites to support learning

<https://kids.kiddle.co/Sussex>

<https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/leisureandtourism/localandfamilyhistory/localhistory/>

<https://easthoathlyandhalland.co.uk/>

Reminders

- Please make sure your child brings in a **water bottle** and their **book bag** each day.
- Can the children please always have a **coat** in school as the weather can be unpredictable!
- Our PE day is **Thursday** but PE kits should be in all week please.

Key Questions

1. What habitats can you think of and how are they different?
2. Who is Grace Darling? What did she do?
3. Can you find out about some different artists from around the world?
(Yayoi Kusama and Yinka Ilori both use colour in an interesting way - what do you think of their work?)
4. What do you know about the county you live in?
5. What is it like where you live and how is this different to another country?

Key Words:

- Sussex - village - local area - county - country
- United Kingdom - England

Show and tell

If your child would like to bring something linked to our work to share with the class on a Friday, then please note the date they can do so:

Week 2: Year 1 girls Week 3: Year 2 boys

Week 4: Year 2 boys Week 5: Year 2 girls

Please make sure it is an item that fits in their bag!

Thank you for your support,

Ms Press, Ms Lewis and Ms Hillier