

## MUSIC



We will explore pulse and rhythm through a range of songs and melodies, including sea shanties during our topic work. We will learn how to clap or beat a steady pulse using our own bodies.

The children will continue to have drumming lessons on a Thursday afternoon with a specialist music teacher.

## PE



This term in dance we will be exploring movement ideas and be responding imaginatively to a range of stimuli. We will also be composing and linking movement to make simple dances with clear beginnings, middles and endings.

Children will need their P.E kit (shorts, t-shirt & plimsolls) on a **Wednesday** and **Friday** and it can be kept in school all term.

## ART/DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY



During Art and Design the children will be creating collages.

We will be using the art work of J. M. W Turner to inspire our own seascape pictures, and using painted paper and sea salt we will create a collage showing a ship caught in a storm at sea. This will provide a fantastic cross curricular link to our Topic work this term.

## WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

- Maths homework is issued in accordance with what has been taught in school that week. It will be sent home on a Wednesday and collected in on the following Monday. Topic homework will be issued half termly.
- Read with your child regularly, and encourage them to read out aloud using expression. Ask questions about the book they have read and make a comment in their reading record book at least five times a week.
- Work with your child to help them learn their number bonds to 10 and 20 and to learn their 10, 5 and 2 x tables.
- Spellings are sent home on a Friday and you should practise these with your child in preparation for their test on the following Friday.



# Curriculum Information

Year 1  
Spring Term 2-2018

New Life

## LITERACY



We will begin this half term's learning in Literacy by looking at Traditional Tales. We will enjoy reading many familiar traditional tales and work up to writing our own stories in the style of a Traditional Tale.

This half term we will also be looking at texts with repeating patterns such as 'The Bear in the Cave'. Writing instructions inspired by 'George's Marvellous Medicine' and listening and writing our own humorous poems.

Phonics will continue to be taught daily and the children will be developing their sounding and blending skills in preparation for the phonics check in June.

Through all areas of the curriculum we will be focusing on the children's personal reading and writing targets.

## HISTORY



This term our topic is 'Explorers'. We will be focusing on explorers who travelled by sea and we will identify items needed to go on a successful expedition. We will learn about the voyages of Christopher Columbus and Ernest Shackleton who explored Antarctica.

## GEOGRAPHY



This term our topic is 'Journeys'. We will be naming and locating the world's seven continents and five oceans and naming and locating the four countries and capital cities of the UK and its surrounding seas.

## NUMERACY



This term we will continue to develop basic skills which include:

- recalling number bonds for all numbers up to the number 20,
- counting in 2s, 5s and 10s,
- counting to and across 100, forwards and backwards from any given number.

We are focusing on place value within 50 which will include partitioning and the place value of 2-digit numbers. Children are being further challenged to explain their methods and reason their answer using mathematical vocabulary and concepts which are being taught.

We will also learn about measurement:

- length and height
- weight and volume

## SCIENCE



This half term we will be learning all about plants.

The children will identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants, including trees. We will name and draw the main parts of a range of plants and we will have fun germinating seeds.

Please could you ensure that your child has a named pair of wellies in school at all times so we can utilise our fantastic outdoor learning spaces whatever the weather!

## ICT



This term the children will further their understanding of control, directional language and programming. We will carry out games to establish our understanding of directions and sequencing. We will use the skills we have learnt to program a Bee-bot by giving multiple instructions.

## RE/PSHCE



This term the children will have the opportunity to reflect upon the miracles of nature and new life during springtime. We will discuss the big question 'Why does Easter matter to Christians?' and learn how salvation is part of a 'big story' of the Bible. Our PSHCE work will continue to help the children reflect on their choices and prepare them to play a valuable role in society.