



## English

This half term we will be using Pie Corbett to support our narrative writing in class. We will be using quite an unusual story book called 'Tuesday' by David Wiesner, in which a series of animal invasions strike every Tuesday evening, around eight o'clock in a small town. It is a great story and very much an Ocean class recommendation! We will be using this story to support our narrative writing focusing on the structure of a journey narrative.

## Science

This term Year 1 will be focusing on developing our 'working scientifically' skills to support practical scientific methods, processes and skills. We will be using the unit of animals including humans to support this and explore our key question 'How can my senses help me explore my surroundings?'



## Vocabulary

Sight, smell, taste, touch, hear

beach, cliff, coast, forest, hill, mountain, sea, ocean, river, soil, valley, vegetation, season and weather, city, town, village, factory, farm, house, office, port, harbour and shop

pattern, number pattern, more than, less than, smaller, smallest, greater, greatest, add, subtract

## Year 1 Spring 1

During this term in Ocean class our big question we will be answering is:

What patterns in nature can we see around us?  
This question allows the opportunity to observe the natural world around us and explore its geometry and cyclical patterns.

## Topics

**Geography:** Humanities this half term will be a Geography focus to support our Big Question. We will be learning about the 7 continents and 5 oceans of the world, the United Kingdom and finally our own locality, whilst studying the physical and human features around us.

**Art:** In art this half term we will be using the inspiration 'Hunters in the snow' by Peter Bruegel. Our focus in these paintings will be colour mixing, creating cool colours and warm colours, as well as using thick and thin lines.



**Music:** In music we will be using different styles of music to build on our rhythm and pulse. We will also be using a variety of songs to support our singing in pitch.

**RE:** In Re this half term will be looking at Judaism, particularly the festival of Passover and the importance it holds in a religious year. They will be answering the key question: How important is it for Jewish people to do what God asks them to do?

## Maths

In Maths this half term Year 1 will be working on understanding numbers to 20. This will include understanding the place value of a two digit number and understanding and applying multiple addition and subtraction strategies. As with any Maths teaching in our school, we will continue to build on Maths fluency, representation and discussion to enable all children to progress together and have a deeper level of understanding

## P.E.

This half term in PE we will be focusing on dance using weather, wild animals and witches and wizards as different stimuli to create story through movement.

## Jigsaw



In PSHCE we will be using the jigsaw programme to support our learning about dreams and goals to create a healthy approach to creating goals and overcoming obstacles.

## How can you help your child at home:

- Listen to them read every day. Ask them questions about what has happened in the story. Check they understand new vocabulary.
- Encourage the children to use their phonics knowledge to decode words and support reading fluently

## Book recommendations!



If your child has a favourite book at home that they would love to recommend, please let us know! We are always excited to learn about new books in our classroom!