



Welcome back! I hope that you had a great half term and are ready for our last term as year 1's! This term we really want to see the children mature and show us that they are ready for year 2. We are expecting high learning zones at all times, lots of use of our cursive handwriting and lots of children on the golden birds.

Project: All at Sea continued and Chocolate

English

We are continuing with our work on 'All at Sea' as the children have really shown a passion for this project. We will be comparing the UK and Australia in Geography, looking at climate, homes and environments. We will also be exploring the history of Grace Darling and finding out about her work.

Following our 'All at Sea' topic, we start learning about chocolate, looking at where chocolate comes from and how it grows. We will also be looking at recipes and what we can cook with it! Yummy!

This half term, we will be writing a newspaper report on saving the whale from the story The Snail and the Whale and writing postcards from different destinations around the world.

Once we start our project on chocolate, we will be writing poetry all about the yummy stuff! This will include: melting, exploring textures, tastes and smells and finally transferring this knowledge into our poems. We will be raising our expectations again and will be looking for more extended pieces of writing where the children can show us everything that they have learnt so far this year.

Mathematics

P.E.

This half term we will be looking at money. Our learning will include sorting, categorising, adding, subtracting and problem solving.



We will also be exploring weight and volume. We will look at standard and non-standard measures and problem solving.



This half term's PE lessons -

Miss Rose's/Mrs Ashingtons class:

- Wednesday - indoor PE
- Friday - Forest Schools

Miss Plumb's class:

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Please ensure that your child has the correct PE kit in school on these days, including suitable trainers for outdoor PE. Please check your child's Wellie boots to make sure that they haven't outgrown them. Sun cream that the children can apply themselves and a water bottle would also be a good idea on these days.

Home learning challenges

Spellings— Spellings will continue to be set weekly. Most of the children are learning the spelling rules successfully and are starting to use them in their general writing too!

Maths KIRFs— We have tested the children on their last KIRF. If they bring home the same one, this means they didn't manage to prove that they knew it. If they have a new one, please take the time to help your child to learn the skill as these really help with all aspects of maths learning.

Home Learning Challenge— A new whole school home learning challenge will be coming out to you in the first week of next term. Keep your eyes peeled!

Science

Mixtures and Potions

The children will be continuing to learn all about chemistry. They will be developing scientific skills of '**Observing and Classifying**'.

The children will be using baking to explore how different materials can be changed and manipulated as well as separating materials back to their original state.

We will also be using scientific equipment to perform simple tests, including baking and making paper.

The children will also have a go at making plastic and inventing their own materials.



Reading at home

Most of our Year 1 children have made huge steps forward in their reading learning over the last term and we are so proud of them and the effort that they are making. It is great to see the children taking steps forward on their learning journey and being able to apply their knowledge across the whole curriculum.

We are continuing with guided reading sessions. Your child's reading day may change depending on how they got on in their latest assessment. This enables us to make sure that they are in the group that best suits their ability. Please bear with us if the day changes.

We are now looking at the children's ability to understand what they have read and whether they can answer questions on this.

Reading challenge— Our prizes this term will be an extra play time for the year group with the most tickets, as well as an invitation to a summer party with Mrs Pantziarka. Get reading each week as the more tickets you earn, the more likely your name is to be drawn from the raffle!

Remember to earn your golden tickets you need to read once over the weekend (Fri—Sun) and the Mon—Thurs in order to have read five times that week and be eligible for a ticket.

Dates for your diary: Sports day— Thursday 29th June

Whole school project— last two weeks of term.