

Key Stage One Newsletter

Summer 2 2023



Welcome to the final half term! We hope you managed to enjoy the sunshine last week, hopefully plenty more to come! Although this is the last half term of the academic year, it's often the busiest! The week of **12th June is the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check week for all Year 1 pupils** and some Y2 pupils - please ensure that all pupils are in school as much as possible in the days leading up to this please so that we can prepare them as much as possible!

Our learning this half term

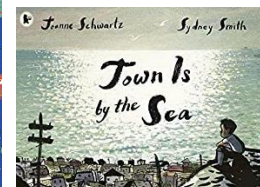
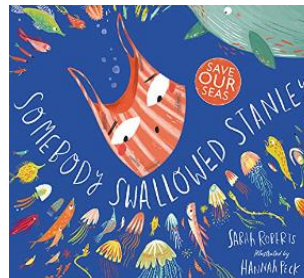
Our first text in English this half term is 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley' which will help the children to understand all about plastic pollution and the importance of recycling. Our second text in English will be 'Town is by the Sea' which links to our local history study on coal mining (this will continue to be our history focus for the half term in the run up to our school visit in 6th July.) We will also be visited by two grandparents from children in KS1 who worked as coal miners and are looking forward to asking them questions to find out more about their experiences.

In **science** we will be looking at plants. We will look at the basic needs of plants to survive and grow, including exploring how plants grow differently in different living conditions. We will look closely at the growth of seeds and bulbs, as well as looking at the structure of fully grown flowering plants and trees. To tie in with sports week, we will also be looking at keeping healthy, as well as learning all about where food comes from.

In our **R.E.** lessons we will return to the religion of Judaism. Our big enquiry question this half term is: 'What is the best way for a Jew to show commitment to God?'

In **art** we will be looking at the theme of flora and fauna. At first we will look at some artists who were inspired by flora and fauna before linking some of these ideas to our own work.

On **19th June** we will be visited by the Road Safety team who will be delivering a workshop to each class about the importance of keeping safe on our roads.



Guided reading text:

We will continue to study Dixie O'Day: In the Fast Lane in our whole class guided reading sessions.



Maths

In maths this half term we will be learning to:

- Draw, create and interpret pictograms
- Use the language associated with position and movement
- Use the language associated with turns e.g. clockwise, anti-clockwise, full turn, half turn, quarter turn
- Continue to develop our arithmetic skills in all four number operations and fractions

School trip to the National Coal Mining

Museum - a reminder that this will take place on **Thursday 6th July** and children should be dropped off at **8:15 a.m.**

Spelling and Maths Shed



Spellings will be set on Spelling Shed each week and a paper copy of the spellings to practise will also be sent home. Spellings will be tested during our phonics session on **Friday**. In addition, your child will continue to receive weekly times table homework each week on Math Shed. This will be set to the current times table they are working on in class.



Reading

Please make sure that you read with your child as often as possible, and **at least 4 times per week**. This really does make a difference in helping children to become fluent and successful readers. **Reading diaries will be checked weekly**. Children who have their reading diary signed 4 times each week will receive house points and a reward at the end of the half term. Your child will have a set day for changing their reading books each week.

Miss Hislop, Miss Gallacher, Miss Bembridge and Mrs Heaton ☺