

Writing

This term, the children will be writing a recount and if time some instructions. The recount will be based on our class text of The Storm Whale in Winter

Through the teaching of writing, the children will learn to;

Include expanded noun phrases to add detail

Vary their sentence openers

Use a variety of different sentence types e.g. exclamations and questions

Use past tense accurately

Develop their vocabulary

Plan and say aloud what they are going to write about

Use standard English and appropriate tenses

Throughout writing, children will be expected to proof read and check their work as well as evaluate their writing with a teacher.



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Jumping for Joy

Gospel Value—Joy

Religious Education

Baptism/Confirmation—Belonging

The children will discuss their experience of different signs and symbols and then will be taught the signs and symbols linked to topic.

Advent/Christmas—Loving

The children will learn about the preparation for the celebration of Jesus at Christmas.

Maths

Children will be taught maths daily. They will be taught fluency in the fundamentals of maths, they will be taught to reason mathematically and solve problems by applying their maths to a variety of routine and non routine problems. Where possible maths work will link to The Storm Whale in Winter. Through mental / oral starters we will revise work from term one, in particular mental methods for addition, using < and > signs, counting in 2s, 3s, and 5s from 0.

We will become Noi's teachers and help him balance the books. We will look at subtraction, multiplication and division. We will focus on estimating answers and will be challenging children with 2 step word problems based on the above.

Children are given a pre unit assessment at the beginning of a topic and a post unit assessment at the end to enable us measure progress.

Reading

This half term we will be teaching reading through whole class discussion of text and images.

Whole class teaching of reading will focus on;

Making inferences—asking and answering questions such as what, why, how, who, and where.

Discussing effective language—and giving reasons why certain words are effective.

Looking at structure of non fiction texts.

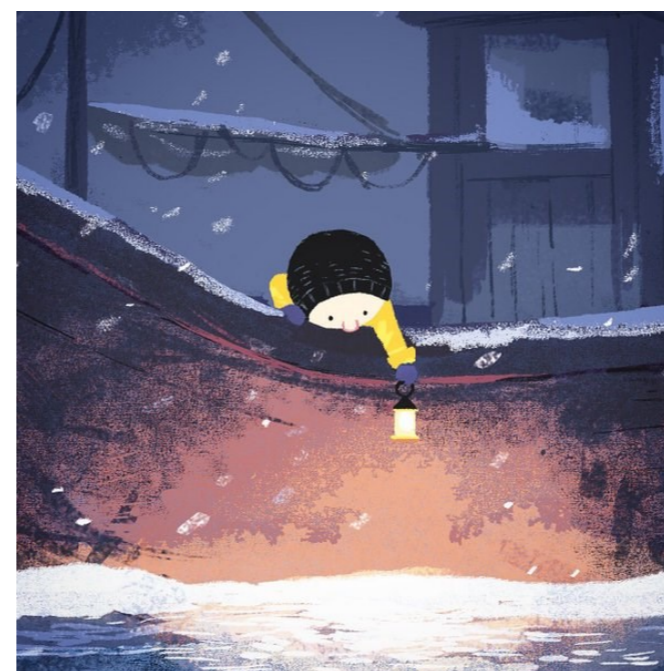
Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

Phonics is taught daily with children being taught in flexible groupings according to the children's needs.

Grammar will be taught in basic skills time and also within a context during writing lessons and reading lessons.

This half term we will be reviewing last terms learning of full stops; capital letters,; identifying nouns, adjectives and verbs; apostrophes for contractions and possession . We will also be looking at homophones and near homophones, the or sound spelt before l or ll and the u sound spelt o .

We will try to cover the zh sound spelt s and the j sound spelt dge at the end of words.



Geography

This half term we will be focusing on our local area. In particular we will be looking at the human and physical features of North Shields. We will be looking at aerial photographs of the area to help us identify these key features. We will be using Google Earth to help us to recognise where we belong on this planet. We will learn how to use a compass to give directions to get to an intended location.

Computing

An introduction to animation using 2animate. Children will learn that animation is a collection of still images and will produce a simple animation of their own linked to the class text.

Design technology

The children will be planning, designing, making and evaluating their own boat.

We will be setting the children a challenge for which they will have to design and make a boat out of junk modelling materials.

Please save any corks, cardboard, lolly sticks, plastic bottles, yoghurt pots, egg boxes or anything else you feel may be useful.

P.E

Indoor P.E will be taught at least two different cheerleading cheers this term. The skills being taught will develop balance, agility and co-ordination.

Outdoor P.E will be a selection of team games whereby the children will be engaging in competitive sports and activities.

Music

Songs and performance for the school nativity.

The children will be taught some key musical vocabulary e.g. pitch, tone, dynamics and rhythm.



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Science

This half term we will continue our work about animals and their habitats, This will include fish, reptiles and birds.

We will name a variety of animals within each group and describe and compare their bodies. We will also find out about their habitats and how they obtain their food.

We will also be finding out about Seasonal Change throughout the year. This half term we will look at the changes in Autumn and how day length changes.

Educational Visits and Outdoor Learning

This term we will be inviting in a marine expert in sea life and whale rescue.

We would encourage you to talk with your child about the wildlife around our coast which fits in with the homework project.

We will be going to the theatre to see Jack and the Beanstalk.

PSHCE

As the gospel value that we are teaching this half term is Joy, we will be getting the children to talk about and discuss the different ways people can add joy to other people's lives.

KS1 will also be trying to spread joy around the school by doing weekly acts of kindness for others in school. If you have any ideas, please let us know.

Homework

Homework will be topic based and set around our gospel theme. Children will be issued with a task that they are to work on each week. There will be some guidance how to break down the task each week.

Each week via SEESAW, you will receive your child's spellings and some mental maths work for you to practice with your child and

Please also read with your child as often as possible.

Useful websites

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/counting>

<http://www.year2maths.co.uk/counting/counting.htm>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/>

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/5-7-years/letters-and-sounds>

<http://www.ictgames.com/literacy.html>

<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks1literacy.html>