

Key Stage 1 Newsletter

Autumn Term 2018



Topic

This term our topic will be 'Beside the Seaside'. The children will be thinking about what the seaside looks like now and what games and activities they may do at the beach. We will then be comparing our ideas with what people used to do in the past. We will be focusing on how the seaside has changed over the years including what we wear at the beach, how we get there and how people get changed there. We will look at photographs of the seaside in the past such as Swanage, Bournemouth and Weymouth and comparing them with what they look like now.

English

During our English lessons, guided reading and daily phonic sessions, the children will continue to be learning phonics and sentence structure such as using punctuation. They will be listening to a variety of stories and retelling them identifying the key features: descriptive story settings, beginning middle and endings and describing character profiles. This term, we will be mainly focusing on stories with a 'seaside' theme and our Literacy sessions will be closely linked with our Art and History. The children will continue to be encouraged to use a variety of connectives to join their sentences together and make their writing more interesting by using adjectives and descriptive phrases. Each fortnight, they will be putting their learning into practise in a single, piece of writing - called, the "Big Write".

Maths

At Downlands we use the Rising Stars Scheme for our Maths Lessons. During Maths the children will be using addition and subtraction problem solving skills, shape and measure, money, time, multiplication, division and data handling. We encourage the children to use a variety of apparatus to help solve mathematical problems such as objects, a number line or hundred squares. The children will have the opportunity to use iPads.

Science

In Science, the children will be looking at weather, materials and floating & sinking. The children will make observations and simple comparisons and will be encouraged to record these using a table.

ICT

The children will learn coding through a range of programs: Daisy the Dinosaur, Kodable and Code.org.

Art

This term we will be looking at Artists who have created seascapes and seaside paintings. Our artist this term is Georges Seurat who painted in a pointillist style, a painting made up of brightly coloured dots.

Design and Technology

This term the children will be making a Punch & Judy Theatre and a split pin puppet.

RE

The children will learn about aspects of Christianity such as the Creation Story and Christmas, using the RE scheme 'Discovery RE'.

PE

This term PE will take place on Monday and Tuesday. Dance will take place on Monday and Gymnastics on Tuesday.

We would like to end this newsletter with some important reminders:

- All children need a PE kit in school at all times in a named drawstring PE bag.
- Can you please make sure all of the school uniform is named, including PE Kit. This will help to ensure that your child doesn't lose any items of clothing, especially jumpers.
- **NO backpacks** (book bags only) as we do not have space for them.
- Homework: The children are expected to read with an adult at home for approximately 10-15 minutes **each night** (little and often is best). Reading a few pages and then talking about the story is recommended. Spellings can also be learned if you wish. Lists of words are available on the school website to do at your own pace.
- To prepare for the fortnightly 'Big Write' session, we will send 'Talk' homework on the Thursday before the Big Write session.
- Ocean Maths activities will be sent home every 2/3 weeks throughout the year.