

Daymer Class - Summer 1



Reading and Phonics

In phonics lessons, this half term, the children will learn to read and spell words with adjacent consonants. The phonics information sent home in book bags last week gives you all the information you need to support your child as they work through this next phase of their learning in phonics. When they are confident and ready, they will move on to books containing words with adjacent consonants.

The children continue to read three times a week in school, bringing home a new book each Thursday.



Our Main Topic

Our whole-school focus this half term is 'The Ocean and Us' and in every class the children will learn about the seas and oceans which cover 70% of our planet.

In Daymer class, our own focus for this topic is 'Our Coastal Life'. The children will study our locality, celebrating how close we live to the ocean and how that affects our daily lives. They will also learn about marine life and the animals that live in the waters around our coast and beyond.

We are planning some trips out and about in our local area, including a walk to Porthilly beach. Further information on trips will follow soon and of course, we would be very grateful to parents who might be able to accompany us on these days out.



English

During this half term in Reception, we continue to lay strong foundations in literacy. Our focus continues to be on the secure development of foundational skills: speaking and listening, phonological knowledge for spelling and reading, and handwriting. The children made amazing progress with their handwriting last term, and we will continue to work hard on letter formation throughout the summer term. Learning correct formation in Reception is important because it helps children develop automatic, fluent writing skills, freeing up attention to focus on other things such as formation of ideas, spelling and sentence construction as they progress. Our literacy this term, as always, is linked to high quality texts, which we use in a range of ways including to support our topic work, to stimulate discussion, as a basis for our art work and in our Drawing Club sessions. The children's written work has come on in leaps and bounds through Drawing Club, and they are all becoming confident with independently writing sentences.



Maths

In our daily maths lessons the children will be consolidating their understanding of the number system, working on numbers to twenty. They will work on building these numbers in different ways, and then on verbal counting, first to 20, and then beyond.

The children will also cover a maths unit on 3d shapes, learning to recognise and name 3d shapes, to find 2d shapes within 3d shapes, to use 3-D shapes for tasks and to look for and find 3d shapes in the environment. They will also learn to identify more complex patterns, to copy and continue patterns and to find patterns in the environment.

Alongside this we will continue to work on partitioning numbers to 10 and on the consolidation of number bonds.



Physical Development

The children in Daymer Class will take part in two whole-class PE sessions each week. These sessions are based on the Early Years physical development resource, 'Leap Into Life'. Alongside these sessions we take daily opportunities to develop gross motor skills when we take our learning outdoors and use our lovely outside environment as part of our continuous provision. We work on fine motor skills daily too, in our play and in warm-ups for our handwriting lessons.

Homework

We cannot stress enough the importance of listening to your child read at home. The learning happens in school, but lots of practice is required to embed this learning and to help your child to feel confident. It doesn't take long; a five minute reading session after supper or at bed time is enough to make a big difference. Please do find the time to support your child in their reading journey. We are always available if you would like a chat about how best to do this, and of course, as outlined in the reading meeting in the autumn term, lots of advice for parents is available on the Little Wandle website:

<https://www.littlewandle.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

Next week, please check book bags for information regarding phonics coverage for this half term, in particular, the digraphs and trigraphs which the children are learning, and also some tricky word guidance.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to pop in for a chat or book an appointment—I'm always happy to help. Thank you for your continued support.

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