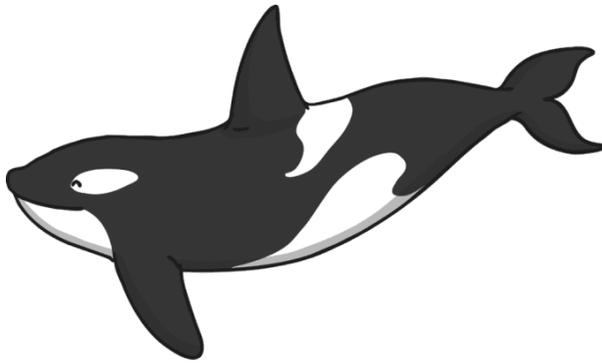


Blue Planet

April 2019

Wow, this academic year is really flying! Can you believe we are approaching summer already? Our Summer term topic is named 'Blue Planet' and we will continue with exciting learning opportunities. Much of our learning will be based around the water cycle, states of matter and plastic pollution. In May, we welcome back Miss Densham, one of our student teachers, who has lots of exciting tasks in store for the children! Some of the key learning tasks this half term include:



- Exploring the problem of water pollution
- Learning about the Water Cycle
- Experimenting with states of matter
- Writing a persuasive letter about plastic waste

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If the children have any information, books, pictures that they would like to share with the class, we would love to hear about it!

We hope you find the information overleaf useful and feel free to contact us if you have any queries.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs James and Miss Wotton

IMPORTANT DATES

13th – 16th May:
Y6 SATS

Between 10th – 28th June:
Y4 Multiplication Tables Check

Further information will be given.

<p>English</p> <p>This term, we will focus on explanatory texts, using 'The Drop In My Drink' as our main example text, which we will use to create our own explanations. We will also produce some persuasive letters about plastic pollution and recycling. The children will learn how to plan an explanation text effectively and we will focus on developing our sentence structure, spelling and our understanding of using punctuation for purpose and effect. During Guided Reading lessons, the children will work independently and collaboratively to build upon inference skills through a range of genres.</p>	<p>Science</p> <p>In Science, will we learn about the water cycle and states of matter. There will be some exciting experiments and demonstrations! The key learning objectives, as stated by the national curriculum, will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• compare and group materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases• observe that some materials change state when they are heated or cooled, and measure or research the temperature at which this happens in degrees Celsius (°C)• identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle and associate the rate of evaporation with temperature	<p>Religious Education</p> <p>We will have R.E lessons once a week. We will be linking our R.E lessons to our school values and the children will identify bible stories that show examples of our core values.</p> <p>This term our topic is 'People of God' which asks the question 'what is it like to follow God?' We will look at the story of Noah and the Flood and look at Christian wedding and baptism ceremonies.</p> <p>We have daily collective worship sessions where we explore bible stories and our school values. Each week, we have one collective worship in Rackenford All Saints Church with Reverend Steph Jeffs. In addition, children will have Messy Church sessions, also led by Reverend Steph Jeffs.</p>
<p>Maths</p> <p>Each day, there will be a dedicated time for number facts and fluency. Children will learn how to develop fluency and reasoning when faced with contextual problems and show their understanding through drawings and through the use of mathematical equipment. The topics to be covered this term are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Area, perimeter and volume• Properties of 2D and 3D shapes• Symmetry and translation• Measures• Interpreting data and graphs• Co-ordinates	<p style="text-align: center;">Class 3 Summer Term</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Blue Planet</p>	<p>Trips and Events</p> <p>Here are a few of the activities that will complement our learning, outside of the classroom:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shakespeare Day• Y6 Exmoor Challenge• Aquarium trip• Arts Week• Sports Day

<p>Topic</p> <p>This term, our topic is 'Blue Planet'. This will be a very scientific-based topic, looking at the water cycle and states of matter. We will also look at plastic pollution in the oceans, leading to learning about recycling and sustainability.</p> <p>Our Spanish lessons will continue this term with Miss Densham!</p>	<p>Homework</p> <p>Homework will be handed out each Wednesday and will be due on Monday. There will be a piece of maths or English homework. Spelling will be given on a Friday and the test will be the following Friday. We also expect children to read for 15 minutes at home daily. It is so important to aid their learning and love for reading. Please fill in your child's reading journal when you hear your child read. Each week, children will be tested on number and multiplication facts so it is expected that children learn and revise these facts at home as well as in school. It is very important for children to be fluent with their multiplication and corresponding division facts. This term, Y4 children will sit a multiplication test set by the government.</p>	<p>Physical Education and Outdoor Education</p> <p>Please note that Class 3 will now be doing PE on a Monday afternoon instead of a Tuesday. Our PE focus will be developing key skills to apply in hockey team games. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings, weather permitting, we will also be doing our "Daily Mile" (a circular route around Rackenford). On Mondays when we will do some fun exercise in the hall after our morning celebration assembly. On Fridays we have our 'Friday Freak Out' dance in the hall. All children will also continue take part in outdoor education sessions throughout the term. We will continue to have our Outdoor Education sessions. Children will have the opportunity to participate in orienteering and map work.</p>
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