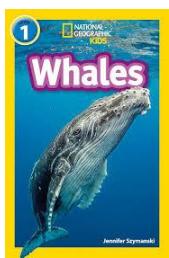


Reception Newsletter

Literacy

Our focus texts for our literacy work this half term focus around the texts 'The Storm Whale in Winter' by Benji Davies and a selection of non-fiction texts on Whales. This will allow for lots of writing opportunities including writing speech bubbles, lists, labels and creating our own fact books about whales.



We will be taking part in daily handwriting sessions which will focus on correct letter formation and a range of fine motor activities including threading, using playdough, tweezers, scissors and tearing paper to make collages.

Topic

Our theme this half term is 'Where do Whales live?' During this topic we will be learning about where in the world we might find whales and a particular focus on animals during the winter time.



We will be observing the changes during the winter season such as the change in weather and our environment. We will continue to learn outdoors during the cold and wet weather so it is essential that the children bring appropriate outdoor clothing with them to school such as a warm waterproof coat, hats and gloves.

Phonics

We will be continuing with our daily Monster Phonics sessions. This half term we will be practising blending to read and segmenting to spell. The children will be taught vowel digraphs including ai, ee and ow. We will be continuing to read our Monster Phonics books during our guided reading sessions and the children will bring their individual reading books home each day. Please try to read these books at least three times a week and date and comment in the yellow reading record to let us know how your child has got on.

Maths

In maths we will be focussing on subitising (seeing how many without counting), hearing and joining in with the counting sequence and recognising that the final number in the count is the total. We will also be consolidating our understanding of the ways we can make 5 e.g. it can be made with 3 and 2. We will be using language such as 'more than,' 'fewer than' and 'equal to' to describe how many objects are in a set.

Reminders

P.E. is on a Wednesday (with Coach Musa) and a Thursday morning. P.E. kits can be kept in school for the half term.

Children need their book bags and reading books in school every day as we may read them in class on any day.



Thank you for your continued support,
Ms. Sellers, Ms. McCann and Miss Murphy.