

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the Spring 1 edition of the curriculum newsletter. You will find lots of information about your child's learning.

Our current learning journey will focus on how we can become **considerate** young people, improving our environment and tackling pollution.

Pollution and Why the Whales Came

We will be reading Why the Whales Came this term, by Michael Morpurgo. Thinking about our climate and the impact of pollution is a key part of our curriculum, ensuring that our children grow up to be considerate people of the future. In our English sessions, we will be delving into what we can do as individuals to make the planet better and additionally writing stories: a new chapter of Why the Whales Came.



Stay and Rock!

On the **26th January 2024**, tying in with the children's Mathematical learning, we will be hosting a 'Stay and Rock' session, based around Multiplication games and TTRockstars. We invite you to come to join your children in our classrooms from **9 – 10am**.

Times Table Rockstars

This year, your child will take part in the Government Times Table Multiplication check in the Summer Term. This is a national times table test that analyses your child's speed and understanding of their multiplication skills. To gear up for this, your child should be accessing their Times Table Rockstars regularly at home. There will be many competitions to look out for as the children ready themselves to be able to answer all their times tables.



Project Homework

Our homework will be project based this year. Your child will bring home a '**Homework Menu**' with information about possible projects. The aim is to encourage your child to research and access homework for their own learning style. Your child will be expected to hand in **at least one** homework project every half term. Please see the Homework Menu for more details.



Spelling Shed

At the start of January, the first week back, your child will receive a log in for Spelling Shed. This log in will enable them to access Spelling Home learning set for them each week. Children will be challenged to access Spelling games to practise their knowledge and build their understanding of spelling rules.



HOMework MENU

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This half term we would like you to complete the following learning projects at home:

Design and make your very own underwater project using junk modelling! Can you use any single use plastic rather than throwing it in the bin? You could use water bottles to make fish like the following examples.



Can you create a poster encouraging people to recycle their plastic? Include all of the factual information we are learning and make sure it is eye catching too!



We are drowning in plastic!
Can you recycle as much plastic as possible over the next 5 weeks to try and make a change – remember, it only takes one human to *destroy* a habitat, but it also takes one human to *save* a habitat.



The choice of task is yours, choose wisely and we look forward to seeing your projects. If you need any help or advice on your project just ask. It might be a good idea to ask your grown up to help you as well.