



Curriculum Newsletter P3

Term 1

The World Around Us (Science, Technology, Geography and History)

Our theme for this term is OVER AND UNDER THE SEA

Work has already started on this new topic and the children are very excited about what they will learn this term.

They will have opportunities to:

- construct boats from junk materials
- participate in experiments relating to floating and sinking
- use marbles to test the stability of differently constructed boats
- test the effect of adding salt to water and how this influences buoyancy
- use basic coordinates to find items on a treasure map
- consult books to research various types of sea creatures
- use clues to write wanted posters to describe pesky pirates
- play board games with a sea theme
- compare sea creatures using Venn and Carroll diagrams
- use ICT to find treasure (Blackcat Logo, Bee-Bot,)
- use the internet to find answers to topic related questions



What else is happening in the curriculum?

NUMERACY:

- Ordering and sequencing within 20.
- Addition and subtraction of bonds to 20.
- Counting to 100 in 10s and 5s, counting in 2s to 20 (extending to 50)
- Days of the week / months
- 2D shape recognition and properties

We will begin to look at money and time over the next few weeks.

ICT:

- Pupils will be introduced to the Scratch programme where they can create, programme and move underwater characters around the sea.

What's going on?

P.E will be on a Tuesday with Fundamentals every Wednesday on alternating weeks (Mrs Mc Guigan's class starting 14/09/17.) We would advise that indoor P.E shoes be left in school as P.E cannot be permitted in the hall without them.

ABL: We are enjoying our Activity Based Learning activities where the children have been making lots of things associated with under the sea. Thank you for gathering junk material. It is currently being transformed into boats so keep it coming!

Coming up: An Autumn Walk in Riverside park where we will race "pooh sticks" along the river - always very competitive!

Homework / spellings / reading

Your child will receive 2 reading books per week; one levelled book (Guided Reading) which we will help to prepare in class and one "fun to read" book which we hope they will be able to read independently. Both P3 classes will visit the library every Friday.

A spelling list will be given at the start of each week and the words tested on a Friday.

Literacy and Numeracy homework will alternate each night.

We have started writing in our new homework diaries and we are beginning to copy homework from the board.

Best wishes to all our children in Term One.