



Class Beech Newsletter

Summer 2nd Half Term

Dear Parents,

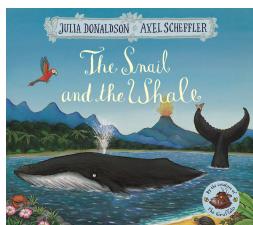
Well, here comes the final few weeks of the school year. Where did time go? Our Year 2s will soon be juniors and our Year 1s will be the big ones of the class! What a brilliant class they have been, and it I know the children will continue to grow as they move up and make us all proud.

Topic

We're studying the sea this term, learning about the 5 oceans, and seeing why water is so important to the planet. Lola suggested we cleaned up a beach (as the class have become very aware of plastic pollution). We'll be heading off to Allonby on June 20th, to work in small groups to clear a section of the beach. Irene has sourced grab-it tools from the council so the children won't be touching any of the plastic and other waste.

English

We have a range of books to look at this term, the first being *Rory McRory*, a wonderful book about a baby who won't stop crying, so is taken by the White Sea Horses and taken on a tour of the world. Another book we're looking at is *The Snail and the Whale*. It's a fun poetry book by Julia Donaldson, and her simple rhymes will help the children with their own poetry.



Reading

As always, the Year 2s will take an accelerated reading test during the first week of term. This will help us see how much progress they are making, and have made since September.

We'll continue to change books regularly, and as a whole class are working on fluency and understanding.

Phonics

Phonic sessions are held daily, the Jammy Dodgers during assembly, and the whole class at straight after lunch. The Phonics Screening Test for Year 1s takes place in the next few weeks. This is a test to see if your child recognises his sounds. You can see what the test looks like on this website, www.theschoolrun.com/year-1-phonics-test

screening-check. As ever, the test will be low key so that your child isn't stressed or worried.

Maths

We'll be looking at Money, Fractions of Shape, Fractions of Number, Statistics, Time, Multiplication and Division. Mathletics homework will be sent home each week.

Computing

The children are using laptops and ipads to find information about the oceans using Google Earth. The children will send each other emails with attachments.

PE

PE will take place on Monday and Friday. Please ensure your child has their full PE Kit (including trainers). Carlisle United will teach on Fridays.



Music and RE

Miss Marriot will teach recorders on Wednesday afternoons, and Mrs Ferguson will be teaching RE.

Science

We'll be testing and observing water and ice, watching how water disappears under certain situations, looking at salt and fresh water, and looking at where water comes from.

Art

We will be transforming the class into an underwater world with fish, a mermaid, a pirate and White Sea Horses (look at the old Guinness advert on YouTube) www.youtube.com/watch?v=rLAvkbfugEI. It's very inspiring to get the feel of the sea and the power of the waves.

GL Tests.

Finally, we'll be taking the GL tests in the first few weeks of term. This gives your child a score to show if they are working below, at or above the National Levels in Maths and English. The children take a test each September and June so know what's expected.

Any concerns or questions, please pop in after school.
Many thanks

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