

Year 1
Curriculum Newsletter

The Seaside

Summer 1 2026

Welcome

This term the children will be learning about Seasides. They will be discussing their own experiences of the seaside and comparing it with seaside during the Victorian period. They will also be studying the work of Ando Hiroshige and An Art piece called 'The Great Wave'!

We hope you can come to the Year 1 Art Gallery on **Wednesday 20 th May at 2.45pm**

Literacy-

- Fiction writing: retelling 'The Storm Whale' by Benji Davis
- Using Suffixes in our writing.

Maths

- Addition and subtraction
- Multiplication and division
- Measurement, time, capacity, volume and shape

PE

- Bat and Balls
- Active Circuits

RE/PDL (Personal Development Learning)

- We will focus on our special places
- We will focus on 'Relationships' as our PDL.

Computing

- Creating functional codes using the BeeBots
- Understand how to use usernames and passwords.

History

- Comparing seasides from the past and present and how they have changed.

Geography

- Naming and labelling the countries of the United Kingdom
- Comparing a British seaside to a tropical seaside
- Comparing beaches from around the UK.

Science

- Make observations about the weather
- Compare the Seasons
- Conduct a longitudinal study.

Art

- Creating seascapes
- Painting and sketching
- Using a range of different art mediums to create work for their own Art Gallery.

Music

- Using instruments and songs about Seasons and Weather to explore pitch, beat and rhythm
- Learning and performing songs during assemblies

Merton Mission

Read it: Read 'The Storm Whale' by Benji Davis and practise retelling it using your own words.

Make it: Use Google Earth or Maps to explore beaches from around the world. Go for a day out at the beach if you are able and bring in some pictures of your day out!

Do it: Design a picnic you would take to the beach. Make a picnic to enjoy in your garden, the park or the beach! Take pictures to share with the class. Please send in any pictures by **Tuesday 2nd June.**

LEARNING VALUES

Motivation- To share their art with their parents

Excellence- Always trying their best

Respect- Respecting the environment and learning about the effects of plastic on seasides.

Teamwork- Taking part in team games during PE

Opportunities- To share their own experiences of the seaside

Never give up- Writing their own stories

We look forward to supporting your children as they come to the end of their Year 1 journey.

Mrs Epstein
Tawny Owls

Mrs Eglin
Barn Owls