

Year 1 Newsletter



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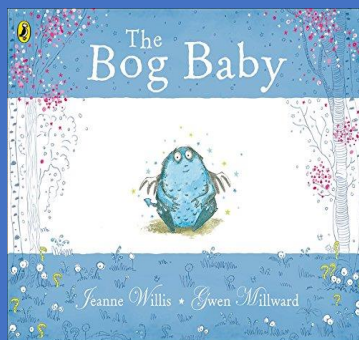
Summer Term 1

Monday 15th April 2024
to
Friday 24th May 2024

Theme – Wild Thing!

We hope you have all had a lovely Easter holiday and are feeling refreshed and ready for the new term ahead. This term is our Summer Term and we are delighted to share with you information about all of the topics your child will be learning this half term. Our topic theme for this half term is called Wild Thing! We have a very busy half term, we will start by sharing the story 'The Bog Baby' by Jeanne Willis. We will then be reading our Little People Big Dreams book.

What will we read this half term?



The Bog Baby by Jeanne Willis and Gwen Millward

The story is a magical story about a little girl and her friend who find a magical creature. The story looks at the theme of should wild things be kept as pets.

Our School Values

Achieve Care Value Listen Help

This term, we will be looking at our "Achieve" school value. We will be reading the "Little People, Big Dreams" books about Louise Bourgeois. We will learn about how Louise

learned to use art, drawing and sculptures to face her fears. This will reinforce the understanding of our school value Achieve.

What will we learn this half term?

Please note that all of the Curriculum Overviews for each subject can be found on the school website. These contain detailed outlines of the coverage and rationales for teaching. Please take time to read them.

English



In English, we will be looking at the book *The Bog Baby*. The children will learn about how two children find a magical Bog Baby while out fishing. They take it home and decide to keep it but very quickly the Bog Baby begins to become lonely and poorly. The children will describe what the Bog Baby looks like and will use their imagination to think of rules for how to take care of it. They will decide what they think the children should do- should they return it

to the wild or keep it? We will take part in drama activities to help us to explore the story theme.

Maths

This half term in maths the children will be learning about Multiplication and Division and counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. We will use the Maths vocabulary, groups, arrays, equal and unequal. We will be using maths apparatus such as tens frames and dienes to help us see patterns as we count.



We will then learn about Fractions and Geometry. There will be daily opportunities to solve problems in maths lessons and most importantly through play. Our maths area will support problem solving and give the children a chance to practice their new learning independently using familiar resources.

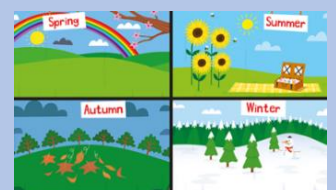
Science

In Science, we will be learning about Seasonal Changes and Animals – Investigating Minibeasts. The children will be learning about the months that the seasons belong to and what activities you can do each month. We will be looking at appropriate clothing for the weather in each season. We will then look at Minibeasts and investigate the different types of minibeasts in our local area. We will be going on bug hunts!



Research Topic

This half term we will be learning to be Geographers in Geography. We will be learning about Weather and the Seasons in the United Kingdom. We will be learn about the four seasons: Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter and the months of the year. We will also be learning about the weather patterns in the UK and will complete a weather chart and learn how to read the weather temperature.



RE

This half term the children will be learning about What makes a place sacred? The children will look at places that are sacred for Christians and Muslims. We will explore the vocabulary 'holy' and 'sacred'. We will look at different religious festivals in the religious calendar.

Art

We will develop our model making skills as we explore Sculpture and 3D: Paper Play. We will be making 3D models of tube towers in the style of Samantha Stephenson. We will then create a collaborative piece of artwork in the style of Louise Bourgeois. She created the 'Maman' spider sculpture and we will be creating our take on this amazing piece.



SEAL, PSHE, SRE

In PSHE we will be learning about Relationships using our PHSE resource

Jigsaw, taught by our Jigsaw teacher Mr Loy. Our PHSE buddies: Jigsaw Jack and Jigsaw Jelly Cat will help the children explore and talk about families. We will learn that families can be the same and different and have the fundamental feeling of love and feeling safe. We will also learn to calm our mind and breath.



Music



Our Music topic is called Your Imagination. The children will learn the songs: Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious from Mary Poppins, Pure Imagination from Willy Wonka & The Chocolate Factory, Daydream Believer by The Monkees, Rainbow Connection from The Muppet Show and A Whole New World from Aladdin. The children will use instruments to accompany their singing of the songs.

PE

PE remains on a Friday. We will participate in Athletics in preparation for Sports Day. We will be practising different races and working on running, balancing and jumping.

Please ensure all of your child's PE kit has their name in as their names can wash out this time of year. Please ensure that your child has a black pair of pumps (with their names in).

Homework

The children will be given a homework task each week on a Monday which is to be handed in by the following Monday. We will also send home weekly spelling on a Monday which will be five words linked to their phonics. The children will be asked to spell them in class on Mondays. The children will not receive a weekly score for this. This age is about learning to Fred Talk (say and write the sounds that you can hear in a word) and applying their spelling to in their sentence writing during the day. Spellings are linked to the Read, Write Inc phonic sounds.

We will be giving the children phonics lessons that they can watch at home. There will be three QR codes to scan and each one relates to a lesson. This will be homework for this half term and three new QR codes will be given out each week.

In addition, it is extremely important that the children read at home each night for five minutes in order for them to become successful at reading. Reading is a skill and children need daily practise. We would like to remind parents that your child needs to **read the whole book at least three times in a week, then discuss events and characters from the book with you.**

At this age too, the children need to read other quality picture books and that they hear their parents read to them at bedtime frequently. Reading for pleasure and finding enjoyment in books is very important. The children will visit our School Library each Thursday and will keep this book in school.

Oxford Owl is a website that has free e-reading books for the children including Read, Write Inc books. Please create a free login on the parents page on this site and help your children to read the storybooks on there. Their address is: <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/> or Google Oxford Owl free e-books parent page.

There is a charge for our school Reading Books that are lost or are water damaged by your child's water bottle. Please can you check your child's water bottle does not leak in their bag. All books should be kept in the plastic folder that they are sent home in.

Thank you

We are really looking forward to our Summer term and the warm Summer months ahead! Information too will be sent out on Parentmail or the School Newsletter so please check these for up to date information about the exciting events happening in school.

If you need to get in touch please speak to us on the classroom door or telephone the school office, or alternatively email school at admin@aldwyn.tameside.sch.uk If you need help on how to get the school weekly newsletter or Parentmail please get in touch with the school office 0161 370 3626.

Thank you for your continued support. Kind regards, Mrs Parks and Mrs Allen.