

# Year 1 Newsletter



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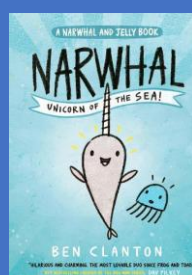
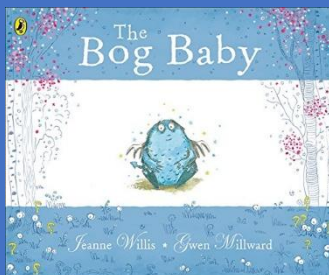
## Summer Term 1

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025  
to  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025

## 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. Our class novel will be Narwhal Unicorn of the Seas by Ben Clanton.

## 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. In this unit, the children will extend their knowledge of writing sentences and using adjectives. The children will learn new vocabulary to describe this magical creature and the story setting.



## Maths

This half term in maths the children will be learning about Place Value working with numbers up to fifty. They will also learn 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, the children will also learn about the Season Changes looking at Spring. We will then be learning about Plants. The children will learn about trees, identify wild and garden plants and the terms 'deciduous' and 'evergreen'. The children will observe plants growing in our local area and will grow their own plants from seeds. They will observe the different parts of a plant and the children will learn lots of new plant vocabulary.



## Research Topic

This half term we will be learning to be Geographers in Geography. We will be learning about What it is like to be in Shanghai? The children will explore human and physical in their local area and we will go on a walk to find these features. We will then compare these to Shanghai and ask the question, What is it like in Shanghai? The children will use atlases to find the UK and China. They will learn new Geography vocabulary and also be drawing simple maps.



## RE

This half term the children will be learning about How and why do we celebrate? The children will look at the Jewish Faith and learn about Shabbat. 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. 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

1. The children will be given a **Handwriting/Spelling homework** task each week on a Friday which can be kept at home for extra practise. These words will be linked to the sounds that the children are learning in their Phonics lessons. We encourage the children to use their Fred Talk to help them sound out and spell words using what they know about Phonics.

2. In addition, we have **Phonics QR videos** that they need to watch at home. These lessons will help the children to learn the Set Three sounds and also any Set Two gaps in phonic knowledge. These will be sent out as QR codes. Next half term, the children will have a Year One Phonic Check and we would like all of the children to know all of the Set One, Set Two and Set Three sounds and read words with these sounds in.

### 3. Home Reading Book.

**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.

**4. Numbots Homework.** All the children have been given their own personal log ins for Numbots that the children can use at home.

### **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.

**After the Whit Holidays, the children will undertake the Year 1 Phonic Check during the week beginning Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> June. It is important that the children are in school for the check in this week. More information will follow about the Phonic Check this half term. The children will also continue to receive new QR codes to learn this half term at home.**

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.victoriousmat.org](mailto:admin@aldwyn.victoriousmat.org) or the school office on 0161 370 3626.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards, Mrs Parks and Mrs Singh.