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Year 2 Topic Letter – Summer 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

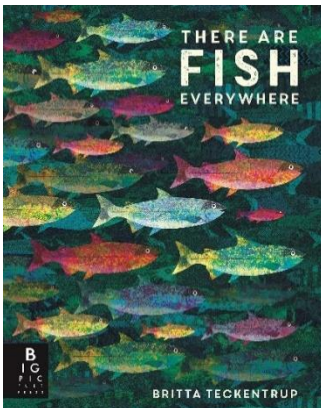
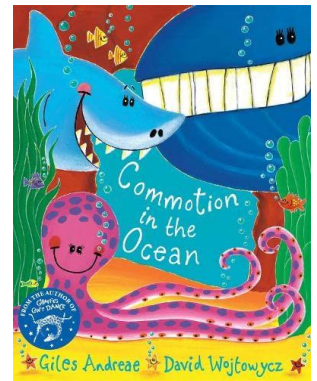
Welcome back and we hope you all had a relaxing break. We are excited to be back with Year 2 for the summer term, and just to confirm the days we are teaching are –

Nicola – Monday, Tuesday and Thursday afternoon.

Sinead – Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

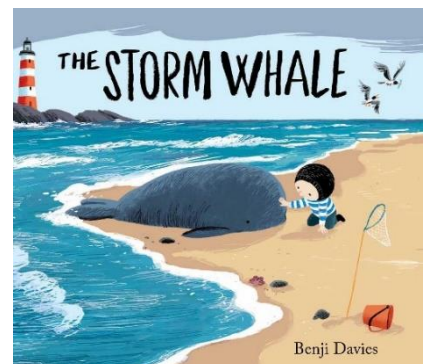
This term, our topic will be '**From the Sea to the Shore**'. In the first half term we will be focussing on ocean and sea life, and in the second half term we will be learning about the seaside.

In **English**, we have begun by writing some rhyming poetry about sea creatures inspired by the book 'Commotion in the Ocean'. Our other key fiction texts this term will be 'Flotsam' by David Wiesner, a wordless picture book, and 'The Storm Whale' by Benji Davies, a story about a boy looking after a whale washed up on a beach. We will also be doing a unit based on 'The Pirates Next Door' by Jonny Duddle. Our non-fiction writing will focus on ocean life and we'll be inspired by the beautiful texts 'There Are Fish Everywhere' and 'The Big Book of the Blue'.



We will start our **Science** learning this term by talking about different materials. We will be thinking about the differences in materials, including natural and man-made, and why some materials are better to use for certain purposes. We will explore through practical activities the properties of these materials, how they can be changed and we will develop our scientific vocabulary to describe them. We will also learn about some famous scientists in history.

In our **Geography** this term, we will be recapping the world's oceans and locating them on a map, as well as learning about seas around the UK. We will also be using the Katie Morag series of books to learn about island life in Scotland and contrasting this with island life in the Caribbean. In **History** this term, we will be focussed on the Victorians. We will look at seaside holidays, comparing them then and now, and learn about key historical figures such as Grace Darling.



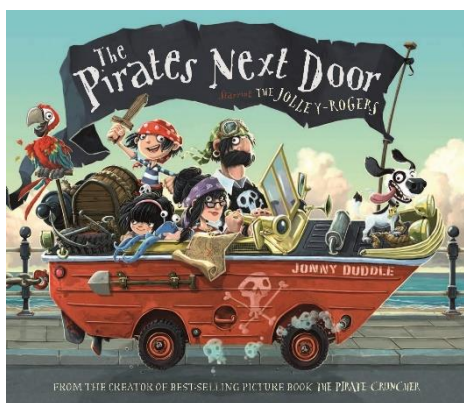


In **Art** we will learn about techniques such as printing and collage to create art work inspired by the sea and ocean life. We will also look at Hokusai's work 'The Great Wave'. Our **DT** will be looking at joining techniques through textiles and materials this term and we'll be designing and making our own fish toys. We will also design and make ice lollies!

Our **Religious Education** focus this term will be on the concepts of 'Forgiveness and Peace' and looking at 'Where Did The World Come From?' This will link to our Big Question this year: 'What can we learn from special stories?' We will also visit Khalsa Jatha Gurdwara.

In **Maths**, we will continue to follow the National Curriculum. We have started our fractions unit and will follow with units on, time, statistics and position and direction. We will also consolidate our previous learning about calculation (addition and subtraction, multiplication and division) with some problem solving. The children are continuing to develop their mental maths skills through weekly sessions. Please also continue to support your child to learn their Fleet Facts every week. It really does help support their number confidence.

This term we will have **PE** sessions on Mondays (with Coach Keeley) and on Friday afternoons. Children must wear or bring in trainers for these lessons as they may be taking place outdoors.



Please continue to read with your children **every day** and use the reading journal for a record of what they have read. The children will continue to change their books once a week.

It is important that children have their book bags, including their reading diaries, in school every day.

Please let us know if you are available to help on any of the school trips (see dates below). We really appreciate adult help. If you are able, please make sure your child brings in their voluntary contribution of **£2** for each trip.

Important Dates

Tuesday 29th April – trip to Waitrose for cooking session

Thursday 8th May – Talacre trip (half day)

Friday 23rd May – trip to London Zoo

Wednesday 11th June – trip to Gurdwara

Thursday 26th June – Y2 Class Tea

Friday 27th June – Y2 Class Assembly

Thursday 10th July – trip to Chalkwell beach (*weather dependent*)



Tuesday 22nd July - Last day of term (2pm finish)

If you have any questions please just let us know and if you have anything which relates to our topic, feel free to bring it in.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Best wishes,

Nicola Budd and Sinead Costelloe