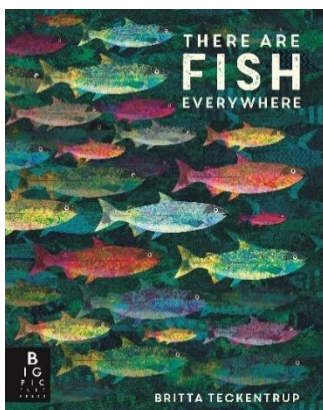
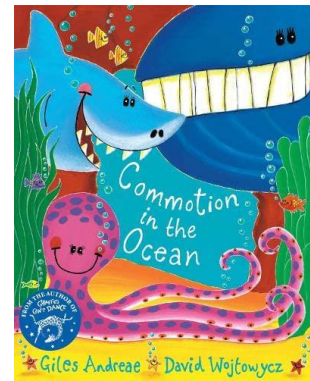


Year 2 Topic Letter – Summer 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school for our Summer term! I hope you all had a relaxing break. Ruth and Alphaia will be continuing to teach Year two this term – Ruth on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and Alphaia on Thursdays and Fridays. This term, our topic will be **'From Sea to 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.

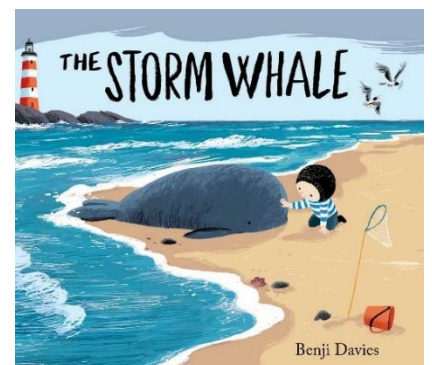
In **English**, we have begun by writing some rhyming poetry about sea creatures inspired by the book 'Commotion in the Ocean'. Our other key fiction texts this term will be 'Flotsam' by David Wiesner, a wordless picture book, and 'The Storm Whale' by Benji Davies, a story about a boy looking after a 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 have started 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 the Hokusai's work 'The Great Wave'.

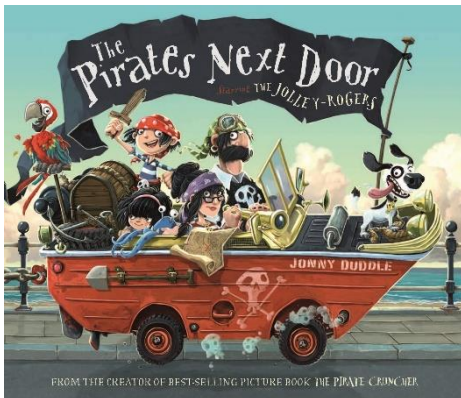


Our **DT** will be looking at joining techniques through textiles and materials this term and we'll be designing and making our own fish toys.

Our **RE** focus this term will be on creation stories.

In **Maths**, we will continue to follow the National Curriculum. We will be doing units on fractions, 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.

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



Please continue to read with your children **daily** 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 me know if you are available to help on any of the school trips (see dates below). We really appreciate adult help.

If you have anything which relates to our topic, feel

free to send it in!

Important Dates

Wednesday 29th April – Author workshop (in school)

Thursday 30th April – Talacre trip (morning only)

Thursday 30th April – Virtual author visit (afternoon only)

Wednesday 6th May – trip to London Zoo

Wednesday 17th June – Year Two Class Assembly

Friday 10th July – Sports Day

Wednesday 15th July – trip to Chalkwell beach (*TBC - weather dependent*)

Friday 17th July - Last day of term (2pm finish)

Kind regards,

Ruth and Alphaia

