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The Island

This term our topic is **The Island**. We will be following the National Curriculum whilst exploring island, beach and sea life.

Our writing this term will be inspired by sea themed books, starting with a poetry unit based on **Commotion in the Ocean** by Giles Andreae. The children have already started to plan their own stanzas about some of the less well-known sea creatures. I'm really looking forward to our next unit based around **Flotsam**, a wordless picture book illustrated by David Wiesner. Later in the term, we will look at **The Storm Whale** and some fun pirate stories.

The children have shown great interest in our history focus this term, the Victorian Era. We will initially focus on seaside holidays, looking at photos and transcripts to learn about the past and comparing life now and then. We will also look at Victorian Hampstead and learn about how the Heath was preserved for the public. This year is the 150th anniversary of the passing of the Hampstead Heath Act. This landmark Act protected the Heath for the public to enjoy and paved the way for the protection of other green spaces across the UK.

Our Science lessons this term will be based on basic needs and survival. The children will find out about the basic needs of animals and the importance of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene.

In the second part of the term, we will begin a mini STEAM project. Working with Architects from Bennetts Associates we will research, plan and design our own sustainable island. The project will have a different focus each week including; What is Architecture, Urban Design, Materials, Designing and Making, construction and Presenting. The children will work in small groups to plan part of an island that meets a design brief. The island will focus on sustainability and renewable resources





Reading

Please continue to read with your children on a regular basis and use the reading diary for any comments. The children will continue to change their books once a week on the same day as last term.

PE

This term we will continue to have an hour PE session with the sports coach every Wednesday Morning. The children will be learning about skills and techniques for athletics. Our second PE session will be on Thursday afternoon and for this half term they will be with coaches from Arsenal Football Club. Children should wear comfortable clothing, trainers and bring a water bottle.

Home learning

Home learning is continuing as it was last term. Tasks will be posted on Seesaw by Thursday and should be completed by Wednesday the following week.

Please email if your child has lost any of their log in details for Bug Club or Times Tables Rock Stars.

Please can children bring in a plastic bottle of water with their name on so they can have regular drinks throughout the day.

The children are already very enthusiastic about the topic, as am I. If the children have any items of interest relating to the topic at home, please feel free to bring them in and share them with the class on Fridays. If you have any questions, queries or ideas to share, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Wishes,

Rachel Webb



The Island

Year Two Topic Snapshot

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An island is a piece of land that is surrounded by water

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The 5 oceans are;
Pacific
Atlantic
Indian
Arctic
Southern



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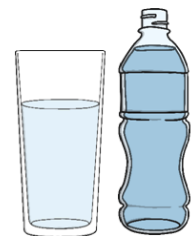
Animals have 3 basic needs. They are **food**, **water** and **air**. To grow into a **healthy** adult, we must eat the right types and amount of food and **exercise**.



Food

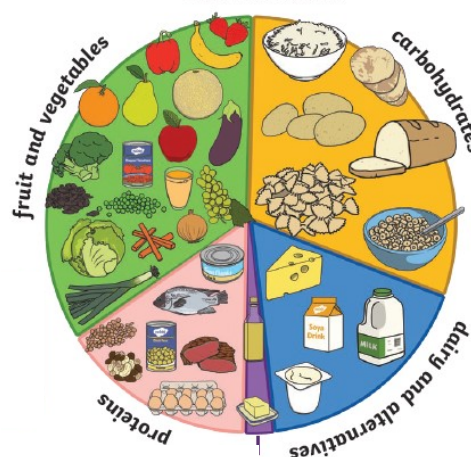


Air



Water

Eatwell Guide



Water, lower fat milk, sugar-free drinks including tea and coffee all count.

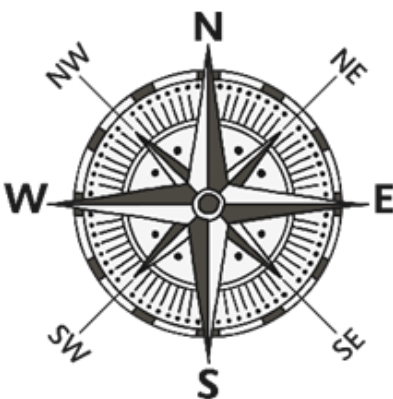


Eat less often and in small amounts.



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The 4 cardinal directions are **North**, **East**, **South** and **West**



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Grace Darling is famous for bravely rowing out to sea and helping to save shipwrecked sailors.

