

# YEAR 2 NEWS

## Oceans

**Dear Parents and Carers,**  
Welcome Back.

I hope you have all had a relaxing half term!  
Our topic this half term is 'Oceans'; we will be learning about the 5 oceans of the world building on the learning we began in year 1.

### English

In our English lessons this half term we will begin by exploring the story 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark'

This will include us continuing to explore adjectives and noun phrases to describe the appearance and behaviours of owls. We will also work towards creating a fact file on owls using information gathered during the half term through different forms of research.

Our class novel this half term is: 'The Diary of a Killer Cat' by Anne Fine.

### Maths

In our maths lessons we will begin by exploring money, recognising and naming the coins and notes. We will then use this information to help solve money related problems with addition and subtraction. We will then move on to explore multiplication and division, counting in 2's, 5's and 10's.

### Science

This term we will be continuing to learn about 'living things and their habitats'. We will explore living and non-living things and their diets and habitats. We will begin by making a plant maze!

### Geography

We will be building on the learning in year 1 by comparing the oceans in different ways, identifying differences between a country and a continent and exploring human and physical features.

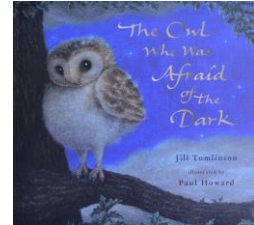
### Music

In music, we will be learning about pulse, how to find it and how to move our body in time to the beat. We will also look at how sounds can be represented using symbols or pictures and the relationship between pulse and rhythm. We will explore a range of different pieces of music too.

### Computing

Our computing lessons will be on Purple Mash. We will be looking at 'Questioning' which will include us asking and answering questions and showing the data in a number of different ways including pictograms.

Our class text for this half term is:  
*The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark*  
by Jill Tomlinson.



### PE is on a Monday & Thursday

Please continue to wear jogging bottoms, pumps/trainers and your school jumper/cardigan to school on your PE days.

### RE

Our theme for this term is exploring Judaism, this will include exploring customs and traditions.

### Reading

Reading is extremely important for expanding your child's vocabulary and progression in reading. Please make the time to read 10 minutes each night with your child. There are lots of ebooks on Oxford Owl. Children can change their reading books when needed, doing this when they arrive in the morning.

### First Class Phonics

This half term the children will be continuing to work through phase 5 using the First Class Phonics Scheme. This will also support children in applying the new sounds in different words.

**Thank you for all of your support and if you have any questions please ask.**

*Mr Cain & Miss Thomas*