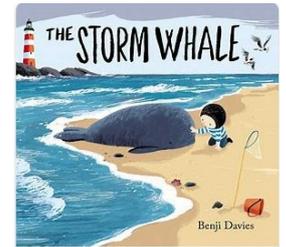
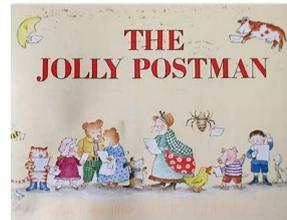


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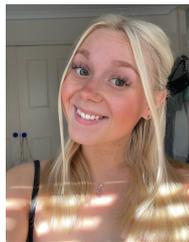
Humble Hedgehogs

Teacher: Miss Neal

TA: Miss Timberlake, Mrs Linthorne & Mrs Lennox.

PPA cover: Mrs Lennox and Mrs Giles.

This term we will be joined by a first year student teacher from UWE Miss Carter.



Books we are reading

Our first core book is The Storm Whale by Benji Davis. This text introduces interesting characters and provides lots of opportunities for practising our use of descriptive language. Our second text is The Jolly Postman a classic story by Janet and Allen Ahlberg which encourages letter and card writing in a range of contexts.

P.E

PE days will be Monday and Tuesday for Year 1 in Term 4. Please ensure your children have trainers, a white or house colour t-shirt, black shorts / jogging bottoms and a blue PE hoodie. They may come to school in their kit on these days. We will be looking for great PE kits this term so please don't be offended if we ask you to keep to the PE kit list we just want to keep it fair for everyone. Please do speak to us if you are having trouble affording uniform. We ask the same of normal school uniform.

iPads

We are now using iPads in the majority of our lessons so it is essential that the children bring their iPads everyday and that it is over 70% charged.

One of our main issues with the iPads is the storage becoming too full to allow the iPad to use the programmes we need it to operate. To avoid this we would appreciate it if you could regularly check your child's iPad and delete any apps that are not regularly used for school or that take up large amounts of storage as well as any unwanted photos. We are also encouraging children to close apps and screens so they do not end up with too many open. These steps will help the iPads speed and make it easier for the children to use them independently.

The apps that we use in school and ask you to keep are: Showbie, Sumdog, Twinkl phonics, teach a monster to read, White Rose maths, Hairy Phonics and Beebot.

Morning Routine

Unbelievably we are now over half way through your child's time in year 1. In order to recognise this and continue to develop their independence and confidence we are now asking that all children come into school and put their belongings away by themselves in the mornings so parents will not be allowed in the classroom and will need to say goodbye at the door. This also allows us to always be aware which adults are inside the building which is an important aspect of safeguarding procedures.

Just a reminder that our classroom door closes at 8.55am. If you are arriving after that you will need to go around to the school office to be registered. This ensures all children receive the correct register mark and have had the correct lunch ordered.

Topic: This term our topic is “Building a Sustainable World” and we will be answering the question “I wonder how we can reduce production and consumption?”

In History we will be learning about artefacts and timelines and looking a fashion through the decades.

In Geography this term Year 1 will be learning about the United Nations Global Goals for a Sustainable World. We will be holding a changemaker event to encourage the children to swap old toys rather than buying new ones. We will also be sharing a video of our learning with children around the world.

Science: during our science lessons we will be learning about materials and their properties which will include investigating and evaluating.

In DT we will be exploring sewing - we ask that if possible your child could donate a t-shirt that they have outgrown to be used for our sewing project.

In music we are learning how to play boomwackers.

In the new Oasis curriculum each year group will focus on a different religion, the religion we will be learning about in year 1 is Christianity.

Homework

- Daily reading of 5 minutes at least 5 times per week in order to be part of our reading treat with the Guinea Pigs. Reading can include phonics screening practise. I understand that lack of reading records has had an impact on this challenge last term but we hope to have this rectified early in week 2. All homework tasks are released on Fridays.
- Maths practise on a weekly sumdog task on app .
- Spelling practise on spelling shed website.
- Phonics homework shared via Showbie.

Dates for the diary:

There is a lot going on this term so please see important dates listed below:

- Friday 3rd March—Oasis Bank Leaze celebrates world book day by dressing up as a character from our favourite book. Please note this is a day later than the official world book day celebrations due to previously arranged events. If possible please can children bring with them the book their character is from.
- Friday 17th March—Red Nose Day.
- Monday 20th March— Inservice day—school is closed for children.
- Thursday 23rd March—Big Toy Swap event - more information to follow.
- Wednesday 29th March—Easter Bonnet Parade—more information to follow.
- Wednesday 29th March—Open evening— families are invited in to view children’s books and discuss progress between 3.15 and 4.30pm.

Habits

The habits for February and March are Compassionate and Forgiving. We are looking for children who can place themselves in the shoes of another to understand their situation and who are able to forgive others by choosing to not let past actions affect future actions.

