

Year 1 Pentecost 1 Newsletter

Welcome back! I hope that you all had a wonderful Easter break; I cannot wait to get started with our exciting learning this half term. We have got lots of brilliant things planned!

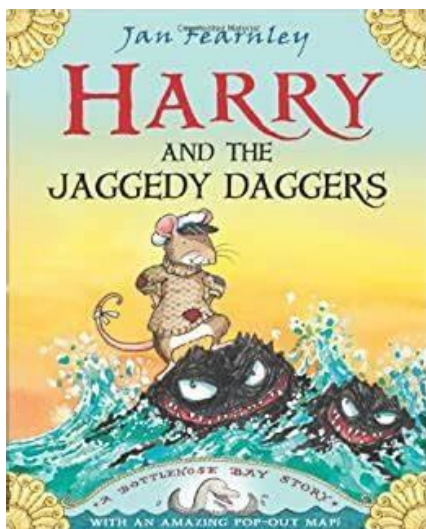
English

This half term our focus book will be Harry and the Jaggedy Daggers. We are going to concentrate on the following:

- Descriptive writing.
- Retelling the story.
- Innovating the story.

We will be using our own creativity to change certain parts of the story to make it our own. This half term I want to concentrate on upscaling our use of adverbs and adjectives and refining our punctuation and grammar skills.

We will also be having another look at poetry over this half term, where we will be relearning different poetry features to help us to write our own seaside poems.



Maths

During Pentecost 1 we will be working with numbers up to 100. We are going to expand our knowledge as mathematicians and focus on:

- Multiplication.
- Division.
- Halves and quarters.
- Position and direction.

R.E

Our focus for RE during Pentecost 1 is Holidays and Holydays. We will start off by looking at how holidays and holydays are different to ordinary days and why they are different. We will also be learning the story of Pentecost.



Topic

This half term our focus is turning back to history. Our big question is- How has the seaside changed?

Here is an outline of our learning for this half term:

In **week one, as historians**, we will be researching what it was like to go to the seaside 150 years ago.

In **week two, as historians**, we will be researching what people did at the seaside 100 years ago.

In **week three, as historians**, we will be researching how we know what people did at the seaside 100 years ago.

In **week four, as historians**, we will research what it is like at the seaside today.

In **week five, as historians**, we will research How the seaside is different now to what it was like 100 years ago.



Science

During our Pentecost 1, we will be focusing on light and dark. Our big question is: 'why is everyone afraid of the dark?'. To help us to answer this, we will answer the following questions:

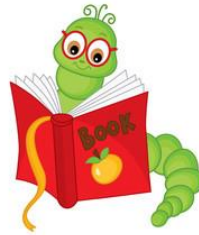
- LQ1 How does the dark make us feel? Why?
- LQ 2 How are shadows made?
- LQ 3 What are the natural and man-made sources of light?
- LQ 4 How have light sources changed over time?
- LQ 5 What does nocturnal mean?
- LQ 6 Can I make reflective clothing?



Guided reading

During Pentecost 1, we will be continuing to develop our guided reading knowledge. We have four guided reading lessons a week. Three lessons will concentrate on a book that we will focus on for a couple of weeks, the fourth lesson is an alternative genre.

In guided reading we use the DERIC system where we answer questions on a section of the book. This term our books will focus on the space and animals. Our alternative genres will include different themes, comprehensions, non-fiction books, videos and poems.



How can you help?

Weekly Homework

- Reading

Each week your child will have two reading books: a bench marked reading book and a phonics book. The bench marked reading book and phonics book will be changed frequently. The children are expected to read most nights as well as in school.

- Homework

Any homework for your child to complete will be given out on Fridays and will be due the following Friday. This half term, please also spend as much time as you can concentrating on phonics at home to prepare them for the phonics screening check in June.

If you have any questions regarding your child's learning, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Macklin and Miss Smith.