



Summer Term Life in our Ponds



Dear Parents,

This term our topic is 'Life in our Ponds'.

Understanding English, Communications and Languages – We will be focusing on diary writing, story writing, poetry and explanation text. The children will be introduced to the format language and technical vocabulary for these writing genres. They will also be working on using a variety of punctuations and spelling patterns. Year 1 will continue to prepare for the Phonics Screening Check will commence on Monday 9th June.

Mathematical Understanding – We will be working hard learning how to count forward and backwards in 2's, 5's and 10's. Children will explore finding a half for the first-time using shapes and sets of objects. They will use the vocabulary 'half', 'quarter' and 'whole'. Children will be introduced to key vocabulary related to positional language, money and time.

Social Investigation (History, Geography, PSHE) –In History we will be learning about Florence Nightingale. In Geography we will be learning to identify daily weather patterns in the context of the weather of the UK. Using simple observational skills children will study the surrounding environment in the context of the weather in the UK and local weather. In PHSE we will be discussing how people in our local community help us and thinking about how important it is to ask for support when we need it.

Scientific Investigation (Science, DT, ICT) – Our Science our topics are Bodies and seasonal changes. As part of our DT children will be learning about moving mechanisms and making moving pictures using levers and pivots. In computing the children will be learning different skills related to digital writing.

Creative Investigation (Art, Music, Drama) –In music we will be building our repertoire of songs learning about the different elements of music focusing on Peter and the Wolf. Drama will be used as a creative tool to influence and support children's writing in literacy, guided reading and RE. In Art we are using natural materials to create sculptures.

PE - We will be working on our rounder skills as well as preparing for sports day. It will also be our turn to swim from Monday 7th July every day for two weeks with Swim in Schools.

RE – We are learning about a range of beliefs and religious celebrations.

Thank you for supporting your child's learning.
Mrs Pritchard, Mrs Skinner and Mrs Kemp