

Chawson 1st School

Autumn 1 Topic Letter

Year 1

ENGLISH

What? Red Ted at the Beach by Geraldine Kaye and Commotion in the Ocean poems by Giles Andreae.

Why? Your child will learn to use their phonics to write sentences using a capital letter and full stop.

Also we will use rhyme to create a simple class poem.

WOW! We will act out the story of Red Ted in Boot Camp!

Help at home by:

- Together look at words and labels around and about.
- Find capital letters and full stops in reading books.
- Practise finding words which rhyme.



Our topic this half term is:

THE SEASIDE



MATHS

What? Count forwards and backwards from any number to 20 and finding one more and one less.

Read numbers to 20 and write numbers to 20 in words and numerals.

Why? To be able to count accurately and to use this skill within their everyday life and to problem solve.
e.g. How many children are in the class today?

WOW! We will be beginning to explain how we know the answer and give a reason!

Help at home by:

- Looking for numbers in the local environment and recognising them.
- Practising counting forwards and back.



Cross Curricular

What? We will learn about the town of Droitwich and what it is like and where it is and then move on to looking at the location of the seaside. We will identify natural and man-made features of the seaside and will also identify and name sea creatures. Why? To be aware of where we live ourselves in comparison to different environments. We will learn to talk about the seaside using topic related words e.g. cliffs, shore. We will be able to identify and talk about creatures that live in the sea.

PE Information:

Please come into school on PE days in black jogging bottoms or leggings, a white polo shirt and black trainers.

1G- Wednesday and Thursday

1B-Wednesday and Friday

Reading Books:

Reading books will be changed on a **Monday** and **Thursday**.

The children will also choose a home **reading for pleasure book** of their choice to bring home on a Friday. The children can change it weekly. We hope the children enjoy the opportunity to 'get lost in a book' with someone at home.

Boot Camp (Forest School):

Please come in school uniform on the top and with black jogging bottoms. You will need to have named wellies in school and will need to bring a waterproof coat.

1G- Friday

1B- Monday

Homework:

Please keep checking bookbags for the purple homework book for your weekly spellings and 'big maths learnt-its'. It will be sent home each Thursday and then needs to be returned to school the following Monday.

Topic fact sheet– The Seaside



There are 5 oceans around the world; Pacific, Atlantic, Indian, Southern and Arctic.

We will be using maps and globes to find out about these oceans.

Facts to know by the end of the topic:

1. That sea creatures are classified as either carnivore—meat eaters e.g. lions, herbivore—plant eaters e.g. rabbits or omnivore—those animals that eat both meat and plants e.g. bears.
2. That lighthouses, harbours and piers are examples of human features (made or built by humans) and cliffs, sand and rock pools are physical features (anything made by nature).
3. That Hokusai was a famous Japanese painter who created a painting called 'The Great Wave' using his famous wood-block print technique.



We will be looking at the features of the seaside and talking about physical and human features. Think about times that you have been to the seaside and the features you saw there!

Key Vocabulary

- Seaside— a place by the sea
- Environment— an area and its surroundings including living and non-living things
- Physical feature— something that hasn't been built by humans e.g. rock pools
- Human feature— things that have been built by humans e.g. lighthouse
- Ocean- a term for the large expanse of saltwater that covers over 70% of the Earth's surface

