

\* # # # Useful Information # # # Spring 2

# Geography: Why do oceans matter?

This half term we have a Geography focus. Children will be finding out about why the ocean is important to us and explore the different reasons they matter. Children will

- Describe how the ocean is used for human activity.
- Explain how the ocean helps to regulate the Earth's climate and temperature.
- Identify the Great Barrier Reef as part of Australia.
- Describe the benefits of the Great Barrier Reef.
- Describe how humans impact the oceans and the consequences of this.

# English:

Children will be using our core text book to write narratives. We will write persuasive texts and a speech.

Children will develop their comprehension skills using VIPERS through daily guided reading sessions.

The grammar concepts covered this half term include: active and passive voice, modal verbs, prefixes and suffixes. Children will also practise using commas, hyphens, brackets, dashes, semi-colons, colons or dashes and parentheses.

### Science:



This half term, we will be learning about living things. Children will have a focus on life cycles and reproductions. Children will use a variety of enquiry types to research and learn about living things.

# Maths:

We will be covering the following topics this term:

- Multiplication and division
- Fractions
- Numbers decimals and percentages

Every <u>Tuesday</u>, children will have an arithmetic focus for maths.

# Computing:

Children will be working on search engines. Children will

- Explain what a search engine is, suggesting several search engines to use and explain how to use them to find websites and information.
- Suggest that things online aren't always true and recognise what to check for.
- Explain why keywords are important and what TASK stands for, using these strategies to search effectively.

| Art/DT:       | DT - Mechanical systems, making a pop-up book |
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| Music:        | Blues   |
| <b>RSHE</b> : | Economic wellbeing                            |
| RE:           | Justice: Christianity, Islam, and Buddhism    |
| French:       | French speaking world                         |

# PE:



PE is on <u>Tuesday afternoon</u> and <u>Wednesday afternoon</u>. This half term, we will be learning how to play hockey and dance.

# Spellings:



Children will have a spelling test every Monday.

Spellings for each week will be handed out to take home to practice with a handwriting sheet to support practice at home.

Children should learn their spellings each week using: Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check

#### Reading:

Children should read for at least 15 minutes every day.

## Core Text:

Our core text this half term is Varmints by Helen Ward and Marc Craste. Children will have the opportunity to explore this novel through reading, writing and role play.



# Times Tables:

Children should practice their timetables every day.

They will have a timetables test every Monday. This will be a timed test on all times tables in random orders.

# Language of the Half Term:

Our language of the half term is Albanian. Our Albanian community represents 2.8% of our families at Wormholt.

# Poem of the Half Term:

Turvy-Topsy by Paul Stewart.



Skills Builder:

This half term, we will be focusing on: CREATIVITY and LEADERSHIP

# Key Dates:

- 19th February Start of Spring Term 2
- 20th February School Uniform recycling
- 20th February Stay & Play
- 23rd February Birthday Bash
- 27<sup>th</sup> February Parents Coffee morning
- 1<sup>st</sup> March Athens (Y4) Class Assembly
- 5<sup>th</sup> March SATs meeting for parents KS2
- 7th March World Book Day
- 8th March Washington (Y3) class assembly
- 19<sup>th</sup> March Stay & Play
- 24<sup>th</sup> March Havana (Y1) Class assembly
- 24<sup>th</sup> March Birthday Bash
- 27<sup>th</sup> March Parents Coffee Morning
- 28th March End of Term Children finish at 1.30pm
- 15<sup>th</sup> April Start of Summer term 1



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