



KS1 Summer 1

Preserve Our Planet

Our topic

This half term we will be looking at the incredible life and career of Sir David Attenborough. We will be looking at his nature documentaries and focusing on his conservation work, linking this with our learning on habitats and ecosystems. We will be taking part in lots of immersive learning experiences throughout the half term.

Objectives we will cover this half term are...

Science	In Science, we will be looking at habitats and micro-habitats. Our learning will take us outdoors to explore the habitats we would encounter in our own environment, as well as using the internet and non-fiction books to explore those further afield.
Geography	In Geography this half term, we will be engaging in map work. We will be learning about and naming continents and oceans, as well as identifying where we are in the world. Our Geography work will link with our overarching theme, exploring climates and how they are changing.
Art	This half term we will be using the work of David Attenborough as inspiration for animal themed sketching and painting. We will explore the colour wheel and how we can use this to paint animal pictures that we have sketched.
Computing	In Computing, we will continue to develop our knowledge of e-safety as well as learning how to use digital imagery to edit photos. We will take our learning outdoors to photograph our natural world and use editing features to enhance these pictures.
RE	In RE, we will be using a range of religious stories to explore how these can help us in everyday life. We will also be exploring the feelings behind these stories and making links to our own experiences.
PE	In PE this half term, we will be focusing on a range of athletics techniques in preparation for our day of sports. We will be learning about the techniques involved in relay races, hurdles and general team games.
PSHE	In PSHE, we will be looking at how to keep ourselves safe in a range of situations, such as road safety and safety in the home. We will be moving on to learn about basic first aid and what to do in an emergency situation, and will be celebrating Mental Health Awareness Week as part of a whole school focus.
Music	In Music this half term, we will be studying pieces of music which encourage us to use our imagination. With music from films such as Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and Mary Poppins this will be a really lovely way to explore how music can lift our mood and take us to a faraway place!

Reading

This half term, the Year 1 children will be reading a range of non-fiction texts as part of their English learning, while the Year 2 children will be reading Little People, Big Dreams, David Attenborough.

We are continuing with our whole class reading rewards each half term for children who read at least 3 times per week. We will be sending reading books and home-school diaries home daily in your child's book bag to encourage regular reading at home. Your child will have the opportunity to change their reading books regularly in class but please note that it is their responsibility to do so if they have finished with a book. Don't forget that we still offer our library service on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** after school down in the Infant building.

Spelling and Phonics

Spellings will be set every Friday and will consolidate your child's Phase 5 (Y1) and Phase 6 (Y2) phonics skills for this half term.

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
Summer 1 Year 1	The alternate 'or' sounds and 'air'.	The alternate 'ear' and 'air' sounds.	The alternate 'ear' and 'air' sounds.	Words ending in y, 'wh' and 'ph' spellings.	Words ending in y, 'wh' and 'ph' spellings.	Using 'k', 'un' and suffixes 's' and 'es'.
Summer 1 Year 2	Suffixes -ment -ness -less	Words ending in 'y'. Adding -ly to words ending in -y	Words ending in 'y' Adding suffixes to words ending in -y	Contractions	Contractions	Homophones

Maths Homework

Children will receive maths homework on a fortnightly basis. Each piece of homework will directly link to the learning they have done in class and will be tailored to meet the needs of your child. Please encourage them to work on this independently at home with minimal support, if needed.

We expect maths homework to be handed in by the date written in your child's book. If it is handed in late, your child may be expected to complete it during their break time in school.

Creative Homework

To add to your child's learning experiences, we would like them to create something at home linked to our new topic, 'Preserve our Planet'. This could be in the form of a written task, a piece of art work, a 3D model or an IT based creation such as a Powerpoint, Word document or video.

Below are a few ideas for inspiration:

- Make your own atlas, exploring the continents and the countries within them.
- Use ICT to make your own mini-documentary, just like David Attenborough.
- Create your own Powerpoint presentation with facts about climate change.
- Explore colourful animal print pictures, creating your own.
- Grab some popcorn and watch Wild Isles, available on BBC I player.
- Go for a woodland walk and find some micro-habitats.
- Have a family visit to the seaside and explore our coastal areas.
- Explore ways that you can help to preserve our planet, such as recycling at home.

