

Peake Class Topic Map Spring 2

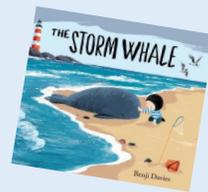
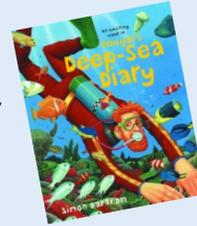
As the weather is beginning to get warmer/drier (fingers crossed!) we will strive to incorporate more of our learning outside. Although this is such a short half term, there is certainly lots going on. Here you will find out what your child will be learning across the curriculum this half term.

Maths

We will be starting a new topic, looking at multiplication and division. Yr1 pupils will be introduced to these concepts with the support of concrete resources to aid their learning. This is also the point in the year when they will be formally introduced to Tackling Tables, and will be accessing this platform frequently in school. It would be beneficial for them to have a go at home too. Yr2 pupils will be developing their fluency and recall with their times tables and will continue to challenge themselves on Tackling Tables.

English

Our two texts for this half term are *The Storm Whale* and *Dougal's Deep Sea Diary*. Across the half term, we will be learning



about and writing a narrative, describing a setting and writing a diary entry.

Reading

Once children have mastered reading, they quickly develop better spelling and writing skills and become more independent learners.

We hope you will listen to your child read every night—10 minutes a day is over an hour of reading in a week—and it makes a **significant** difference to your child's success in reading and writing!

SPaG

Children will be sent home with spellings each week, tested on a Monday. Please ensure your child brings their spelling book in on these days.

Spellings are linked to the sound they have been learning in phonics to enable children to use their phonic knowledge when writing the words.

Science

Our science topic this half term is all about taking care of the earth. Children will learn about different ways in which we can look after the earth, covering topics such as pollution, logging and recycling.

They will understand that Earth has limited natural resources and that we need to be considerate of the climate.



RE

Our big RE question is: 'Is it possible to speak to God?' We will explore different faiths such as Islam, Christianity, Judaism and Sikhism beliefs about prayers in order to answer this question. Children will understand that different people pray in different ways.

PE

We will be continuing our dance and gymnastics lessons for the first few weeks back to catch up on some missed learning from last half term. Later in the term, we will learn Tri golf. We also have a couple of PE based events happening this half term too, such as the dance festival at the Corn Exchange, as well as an in-school sports event.

Respect, Aspire, Challenge, Succeed

History

Children will learn about Kings, Queens and Leaders this half term. We will understand more about:

- King John I
- King Henry III
- King Charles I
- Oliver Cromwell

Geography

We have completed our geography learning for the Spring term.



PSHE

Our focus this half term is 'Drug education'. At this age, children will be identifying different substances that enter our bodies, with a focus on medicines. They will develop their understanding about taking incorrect or too much medicine and the impacts this can have on their body.

Music

In music this half term, we will look at Ostinato. We will listen to *Mars* composed by Holst. Children will know what a rhythmic ostinato is and be able to identify different instruments.

Computing

We will continue our spreadsheets topic, enabling pupils to organise data, produce block diagrams and use 2Calculate tools using Purple Mash.



Art

Our topic is style in art. We will study Van Gogh and Alma Thomas's work and work towards creating artwork in their styles.



DT

The area of DT we will be covering is 'Sew'. Children will design and make their own sock puppets that they can interact with to entertain each other.

Donations of old/odd clean socks for this DT project would be very much appreciated.

Home Learning Expectations

Please refer to our homework expectations leaflet for our homework format.

If you have any questions please ask—
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