

Maths

In Term 1, there is a focus on having a secure and thorough understanding of place value (tens and ones). We will also learn about addition and subtraction with 1 and 2-digit numbers.

We will have regular fluency sessions in addition to our main Maths lessons; these will develop our fluency, mental calculations and recall with number facts such as number bonds, doubles, halves, etc.

RE – Islam

We will be considering the question: Who is a Muslim and what do they believe?

Spanish This term our topic in Spanish is "Bajo el mar - under the sea". We will have fun counting to 15 and learning the names of sea creatures through games, songs and rhymes.

P.E. In Games, we will develop our throwing and catching skills. In Gymnastics, we will be working on forward rolls, the plank, balancing and holding body shapes.

Art/DT We will use **watercolours** to paint pirates and a treasure map. We will be inspired by the seascapes of **Turner** and recreate our own using watercolours.

PHSE This term, we will learn about screen time safety, feeling happy, feeling sad and positive relationships.

English We start off the term with writing a letter linked to the book, 'Dear Teacher' by Amy Husband. We will also imagine that we are one of the survivors of the Forfarshire shipwreck, writing a **letter thanking Grace Darling**. We will expand noun phrases to describe settings and characters, related to **pirate-themed books**. In grammar, we will learn how to use **conjunctions** to join two clauses within a sentence: **subordination** (using **when, if, that** or **because**) and **co-ordination** (using **or, and, but**). We will have **daily Rocket Phonics lessons**, as well as whole-class handwriting lessons. **Reading in class** will be a combination of whole class, guided (group) reading and individual reading sessions. **Spellings checks** will take place on Fridays and will be linked to our learning in Rocket Phonics lessons.

Grace Darling and the RNLI

Year 2 Term 1

Subject Specific Vocabulary

Vocabulary / 'wow' words				
Grace Darling	Longstone Lighthouse	Farne Islands	storm	
scary	terrible	ferocious	fierce	ship
shipwreck	sailors	lifeboat	brave	rescue
heroine	rowing boat	silver medal	Grace Darling memorial	

Magic Moments (Enrichment)

Trip to Chatham Dockyard

Date TBC

We will take part in a Grace Darling drama workshop, make rope in the ropery and go on HMS Ocelot (a submarine). If your child doesn't want to go on the submarine, please let me know. Thank you.

Computing: IT All Around Us

We will develop our understanding of what information technology (IT) is and begin to identify examples. We will discuss where we have seen IT in school and beyond, in settings such as shops, hospitals, and libraries. We will then investigate how IT improves our world, and learn about the importance of using IT responsibly.

Exciting Books



Topic – How did Grace Darling's heroic actions shape the development of the RNLI?

Throughout term 1, we will learn about Grace Darling (our significant person this year). We will then learn about the vital role of the RNLI in saving lives at sea and how the development of lifeboats has changed over the years. We will also notice similarities and differences between Grace's boat and those of today.

Science: Water Jelly Beads Investigation / Floating & Sinking

We will begin our Science learning by observing the changes to **water jelly beads** when placed in different liquids. We will be developing our **working scientifically skills** through this learning. Towards the end of Term 1, we will **design, make and test boats** to see if they will float or sink.

Music We will improvise rhythms along to a backing track using the note C or G. • Compose call-and-response music. • Play the melody on a tuned percussion instrument. • Sing with good diction. • Recognise and play echoing phrases by ear