

Year 5 and 6 Newsletter

Ocean of Opportunities



Welcome back! We hope you are looking forward to a new year in the Ocean of Opportunities! At the start of each half term, we will send out a newsletter to share everything your child will be learning about. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher or one of the Year 5 and 6 team.

Meet the team

Sea Stars

Miss Gray

Mrs Blease



Orcas

Mr Gibbon

Miss Barrass



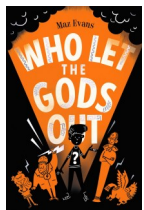
Blue Whales

Mrs Ireson and Mrs Backhouse

Miss Jones



What are we learning about?



In English, Sea Stars and Orcas will be reading *There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom* by Louis Sachar. Blue Whales will be

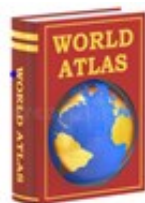
reading *War Horse* by Michael Morpurgo. We will be writing a biography and a narrative.

In Maths, we will be learning about the place value of 7-digit numbers and using formal methods to add and subtract.



In Science, we will be learning about Light. We will be learning how light appears to travel in straight lines. After which, we will explain why shadows have the same shape as the objects that cast them. We will also look in detail at the human eye and how we process light stimuli.

In Geography, we will be developing our map skills, focusing on the different features and four-figure grid references.



In History, Blue Whales will be deepening their understanding of the Ancient Greek era. Whereas, Orcas and Sea Stars will beginning their journey learning all about Ancient Greece. All

classes will be looking at the main events in this time period and how the society, settlements and artefacts tell us more about the past.

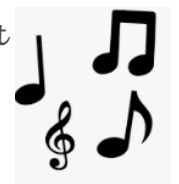
In Art, we will all be studying a key art movement—Pop Art, particularly focusing on the artists from this period and learning all about the techniques used to create engaging and emotive pieces. Blue Whales will deepen their artistic skills whereas Orcas and Sea Stars will start their Pop Art journey from the beginning.



In French, the children in Sea Stars and Orcas will be learning all about dates and times. Blue Whales, children will be learning all about school: saying which subjects they are studying and giving an opinion on them.

In Design and Technology, we will refresh our understanding of what Design and Technology is, considering where designs come from and how they can change over time. We will study the design process focusing on key stages such as how to design, make and break a product.

In Music, we will be learning about music notation, music speeds and the composition of music.



Library days

Blue Whales: Friday

Sea Stars: Wednesday

Orcas: Friday



P.E. P.E. kits should be kept in school ready for your child's P.E. lesson. Your child should have black shorts, a sports shirt and rubber plimsolls for indoor

P.E. For outdoor P.E., they should have tracksuit bottoms, trainers and a sweatshirt.



Orcas: Friday

Blue Whales: Wednesday

Sea Stars: Thursday

What do we expect the children to do at home?

◇ Practise spellings every day. Spellings are set every Friday and they will be tested the following Friday. Spellings are on Spelling Shed or a paper copy is available if needed.



◇ Read at home at least three times per week. Children will be directed by their class teacher to complete these three reads on either Reading Plus, Bug Club or to read their own reading book.



◇ Practice times tables on TT rockstars (Garage) for at least five minutes every day.



◇ Throughout the year, additional homework may be set to support your child's learning in school. We will keep you updated with any work that is set.

◇ Children will be awarded a carrot for all completed pieces of homework each week.

All of the login details for the programmes that your child uses can be found in their reading record.

Dates for your Diaries

◇ Special Mention assemblies are every Thursday Morning commencing on Thursday 11th September. You will be invited into school if your child is being recognised for a special achievement.

◇ Parents' Evening— Wednesday 11th October

◇ **Parent reading sessions**

Sea Stars: Friday 13th October at 3pm

Orcas: Friday 13th October at 12pm

Blue Whales: Wednesday 11th October at 9am

More information will be sent out for some of these events closer to the time.

Carrot Rewards



We will be continuing using Carrot to reward the children for excellent behaviour, key skills and achievements. These are focused on our core values: Courage, Kindness and Respect—as well as aspects such as Effort and Attendance. Your child is able to log in to see all of their achievements and choose their rewards.

Safeguarding team

If you have any concerns of a safeguarding nature, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the safeguarding team.

Mrs France: Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Senior: Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Miss Copley: Pastoral Support Assistant