

Ocean Friendly Us

Year 1 Freshwater

Summer 2026



FOCUS CURRICULUM PRINCIPLES - (1) BROAD, RELEVANT AND BALANCED.
(2) VALUING ALL CHILDREN, LEARNING IS ACCESSIBLE TO ALL.

KEY AREA OF LEARNING - GEOGRAPHY

This term, our budding geographers are heading outdoors to explore both the natural and man-made world! Using maps and Google Earth, we'll be comparing the UK's weather to hot and cold regions near the Equator and Poles. A major focus will be hands-on fieldwork, where students will investigate local traffic, litter, and land use to collect their own data. Along the way, they'll master key vocabulary—from physical features like valleys and rivers to human landmarks like ports and farms—to help them describe and understand the environment around them.

SCIENCE

This term we will be focusing on plants. We will be identifying the key parts of a plant, their purpose and structure. We will be classifying different plants and learning what they need to grow. We will gain practical experience planting seeds and watching them as they grow in our Sunshine Garden. We will learn where our food comes from and share what we have grown.

ENGLISH

Our literacy focus this term begins with The Storm Whale, where we will explore the art of letter writing. We then move to The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch, shifting our focus toward non-fiction. Children will learn to write a detailed non-fiction account, developing their ability to relay facts and information clearly and effectively.

MATHS

Our federation use White Rose Maths to support our teaching and learning of Maths.

Through Summer term we will cover topics including, length and measure, mass and volume, multiplication and division, fractions, place value to 100 and time and money.

HOMEWORK

The children will be given phonics to practice each week that link to the phonic taught the previous week.

They will also have a piece of English or Maths each week.

COMPUTING

We will continue to learn about e-safety and staying safe online.

During Summer term we will cover animations through the programme Scratch and digital writing on Microsoft word.

PE/Forest School

Year 1 will be developing many skills through their PE, including throwing, catching, balancing and working with peers this term. We will also be doing fortnightly forest school sessions facilitated by Mr. McCarty.

PHONICS

Daily phonics will take place working within the phases appropriate. We will be reviewing, consolidating and teaching graphemes, decodable words and tricky words in preparation for the Phonics Screening Check.

PSHE/SMSC

In PSHE we follow myHappyMind and will cover a number of topics which closely relate to our school values. We will be focusing on online safety and personal safety within the community.

TRIPS/VISITORS

This term we will have a Ocean day for parents to come in to school.

We will also visit Yarmouth for our federated beach trip.

ART

In Art, children will explore animation inspired by Domee Shi, linking with computing to bring their drawings to life. Then inspired by Mark Hearld, we will create collages by experimenting with textures and materials.

DT

Students will be designing and building a papier-mâché lighthouse. Investigating circuits to light up the lighthouse

We will be challenging children to design and build a floating pirate ship.

MUSIC

In Music, children will dive into sea shanties, learning to perform familiar songs, rhymes, and chants with expression. Through an instrument-making workshop, they will explore sounds and compose their own songs of celebration.

RE

We will explore the theme of Generosity and how it strengthens our sense of Community. Also delving into various Creation Stories, helping children understand the concept of Creation and how different cultures and faiths explain the origins of our wonderful world.