

# WALPOLE CROSS KEYS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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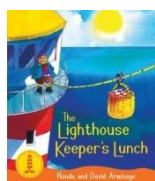
## Key Stage 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Welcome back! I hope you have all had a fun and exciting Easter break and are ready to begin our Summer Term.

### Our Themes

This half term we will be starting off with the theme of 'To the Rescue'. The children will be developing an understanding of the rescue services, with particular reference to rescue at sea and how modern services have been developed from their early beginnings. We will also be learning about the famous rescue by Grace Darling and her father and comparing this to modern day systems. We will be talking about the different rescue services and learning how to make emergency calls. This topic also focuses strongly on poetry and art based on the sea and seashore. We will be using the knowledge that the children already have and building on this by following their interests and engaging their problem-solving skills.

### English



During our English sessions this half term we will be using the story of 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' by Ronda and David Armitage and comparing it to other texts from 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Adventures'. We will be exploring the characters in the story, the setting and main events that occur throughout. We will be retelling the story from different perspectives and writing our own descriptions of the setting. We will continue to develop our sentence structure and grammar, including full stops and capitals letters, as well as using other types of punctuation such as question marks and exclamation marks in our writing. The children will also be developing their listening skills during poetry sessions. We will be learning some poems and rhymes about the sea. The children will also be learning how to write lists, logbooks as well as learning how to make emergency calls. In Phonics we shall be building on our previous learning as well as learning new sounds using our Phonics bug program.



### Maths



This half term we shall work on our understanding of number and place value. We will also be looking at the four calculations in greater detail and finding ways to solve problems using this knowledge. As a class we will also be developing our mathematical language when looking at fractions, position and direction and time.

### Science

In Science this half term the children will be exploring the topic of 'Everyday Materials'. The children will be introduced to a range of basic materials and their properties. They will learn to name and identify wood, plastic, metal, glass, rock, brick, water and other materials, many of which will be familiar to them. They will begin to understand that these materials can be made into many different objects and how to distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made.

## Home Learning

Home Learning activities shall be set at the beginning of each half term. The children will be given a choice of six activities to choose from. Their completed work will be shared with the class and celebrated at the end of every half term. In addition, spellings, reading activities and maths homework will also be sent home on a weekly basis.



## Reading Books



We should have our reading books and records in school every day and should read at home as often as we can. This can be either alone in a quiet place, or to an adult – either way we must make sure we have written down the number of pages read and the date in our Reading Records.

## PE

It is important to make sure that we have PE kits in school throughout the week. Children will need shorts, a t-shirt or a tracksuit (for those colder outdoor sessions), trainers and plimsolls.

PE will continue with Sam Loomes on a **Wednesday afternoon**. Sam uses the curriculum to create a fun program that challenges different abilities and work on key core skills. It is also ideal for children to have water bottles in school that they can take out with them during PE, as it is important for children to make sure they stay hydrated whilst they are using all their energy.

## Library Books

The Norfolk County Council Library Service has given us some exciting new books for the children to enjoy this half term. Every child will have the opportunity to take home a library book each week to share with you. We would like to invite parents/carers to come into school every week to change your child's library book. The classroom will be open from **3.00pm** onwards every **Monday afternoon** for you and your child to browse the selection of books and choose one to take home. This book will need to be returned before you can choose another the following week.

If there are any questions or concerns about your child's learning and progress do not hesitate to come and ask. Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Calaby