

Year 2

Newsletter Term 6



English - This term we will be using the story 'The bear and the Piano' and 'The dancing Bear' to enhance reading and writing skills. The children will be focussing again on stamina and maintaining a piece of writing. This will include using all of the skills we have taught. We will be furthering our skills on how to edit and make simple revisions to ensure we are making the most out of our writing. Handwriting and spelling remain a big focus as we draw towards the end of the year.

Maths - This half term, we are going to be consolidating our knowledge of the four operations and applying these skills into investigations and problem solving. We will be revisiting learning and securing our knowledge of shape, money, measure and time. This ensures the children have the best foundations for learning to take with them into Year 3!



Topic – Oh I do like to be beside the seaside.

Mary Anning discovered the plesiosaur not far from here, in Dorset on the Jurassic Coast – what a great find! The children will be fossil hunting, learning about the Jurassic Coast and visiting the beach in the hope we can find more fossils and treasures of the time! It is a great topic to dive into the coast local to our area.



What else are we learning?



We will be continuing to implement the key values we hold here at Larkhill with the children as this is having a positive effect on the children so far. This will be through our weekly Jigsaw lessons. We will also be looking at the topic 'Changing Me' – a letter regarding this topic has already been emailed so please read it as it contains important information regarding sensitive content.

In computing, we will be using the internet and the search engine 'swiggle' to research the Jurassic coast. We will also learn how to collect and present data.

What do we need to remember?

Reading books will be linked to your child's individual phonic ability. These will be changed on a rota once they have been read twice. Children can also bring home a reading for pleasure book for you to read with them or to them. Please ensure that reading books are in school **EVERYDAY**.

P.E is on a **Tuesday** and outdoor learning will be on a **Thursday** this term with so please ensure children are wearing kit on those days and have wellies and to reflect the everchanging weather. Come and choose book from the new library very soon!!

Oh I do like to be beside the seaside!!!

What can you find at the Seaside and what is it like there?

Vocabulary	Definition
archipelago	A group of islands
beach	A strip of pebble or sand where the land meets the sea.
cave	
coast	The edge of the land where it meets the sea
coastline	The line of coast around the edge of a country or continent
cove	A small beach
cliff	A steep rock face that goes down to the sea.
habitat	The natural home of a living thing
headland	A high piece of cliff that juts out into the sea
harbour	A sheltered place where ships shelter
island	Land surrounded on all sides by water
jetty	A small man made pier where boats can stop.
lifeboat	A boat designed to rescue people in trouble at sea
lifeguard	Someone specially trained to keep people safe in the water
lighthouse	A tall building with a light that warns ships away from the rocks.
ocean	A large area of water that separates continents
port	A town or city with a harbour where boats can load and unload
pier	A long structure jutting out from the shore into the sea.
pollution	When something is put into the sea that does not belong there and could be harmful
rockpool	A habitat for sea creatures and plants made by the tide filling up gaps in the rocks
sand dune	A hill made of sand that has been blown into a heap.
seaweed	A plant that grows in seas and oceans
shoreline	The very edge of the sand or pebbles that meets the sea
tide	The pull of the sea which makes it move across the sand throughout the day.
trawler	A large boat that is designed to catch fish.
tourists	People who visit a place
wave	The way that the sea build up and pushes to the shore.

Where do people work at the seaside?



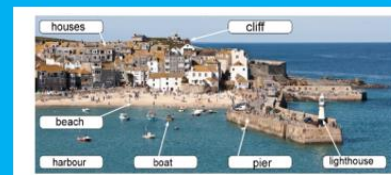
Where is the seaside?

England is part of the British Isles. It is surrounded by sea and has coastline all around it.

Some towns and cities like Salisbury and Larkhill are inland and other like Penzance and Poole and Lyme Regis are on the coast. Coastal towns are known as Seaside towns.



What can I find at the seaside?



Where is Lulworth Cove and what is it like?



What are rockpools and how are they formed?

Rockpools are left behind at low tide when the tide goes out and water stays in amongst the rocks. They are a habitat for all sorts of creatures.



Why do we have lighthouses on the coast?

A lighthouse is a big tower with a light at the top. They were built near places where lots of ships sailed. The light warned sailors that land was near and that they needed to sail further away.



Portland Bill

Where is the Jurassic coast and what happens there?

The Dorset coast is known as the Jurassic coast because many fossils of dinosaurs have been found there. Mary Anning is famous for making important fossil discoveries at Lyme Regis.



How do we make sure we are safe on the coast?

Each coastal town has an RNLI station.

Lifeguards and lifeboat men and women help to keep us safe.

