



Year 1 Newsletter

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English

This term the girls will participate in shared reading of books linked to the topics of both *The Seaside* and *New Zealand*. We will focus on traditional stories and those from different cultures. The girls will also learn to research information and write simple facts. They will continue to enjoy writing stories, postcards and poetry. In order to appreciate non-fiction books, the girls will be taught skills, such as using contents, index and glossary pages.

Maths

The girls will consolidate their understanding of numbers within 100 and continue to count in steps of 1, 2, 5 and 10s. This will include ordering and estimating and also working with money. They will continue to develop addition and subtraction strategies through a variety of practical activities and games linked to our topics. We will be looking at bar charts, graphs and pictograms and learning how to interpret them. The girls will also be using weighing scales and learning how to record the information. Finally the girls might get soaked, learning how to measure liquid with measuring jugs - messy but lots of fun!



Science

Do you know what makes animals and plants different?

This term the girls will learn about plants and animals in their immediate environment and how differences between places very close to each other result in a different range of plants and animals being found. The girls will become more aware of the huge variety of living things within their environment. They will also learn that although individual living things are different there are similarities that can help to sort them into groups.



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Topic

Get those old seaside photos out of the album! The *Seaside* topic focuses on seaside holidays in the past. The girls will be finding out about entertainment on the beach and considering similarities and differences between ways of life in the past and today. The girls will also get the chance to step back in time when the Victorian seaside workshop comes to Fairsear! During the second part of term we will be gaining an insight into life in *New Zealand*. The girls will be looking at a variety of native animals and plants and experiencing a taste of Maori culture through stories, songs and craft.



Art and DT

In art the girls will look at printmaking and will focus on portraits. Inspiration will come from real life, various artists and Maori carvings. In DT the girls will investigate how to join materials together using a variety of tools. There will be opportunities to then evaluate their finished pieces of work. We will be making a Victorian bathing machine and a Maori musical instrument.



Information Technology

The girls will use range of KS1 software and programs to develop computer and problem solving skills. ICT will also be linked to other curriculum areas like Science and Maths.

R.E.

It is time to look at all the special people around us! This term the girls will learn to identify who these people are and what makes them special. We will focus on Jesus and what makes him special to Christians.



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General Points

In addition to the weekly spellings and reading, the girls will be given a maths homework activity each Monday, such as problem solving or playing a game. Please help your daughter with this exercise and I would welcome any comments you may have. Swimming lessons also starts this term. The girls will go to the pool every Friday. Please ensure your daughter has all her swimming kit clearly labelled.

Year One trips aren't too far away! Please take note of these important dates

This term we will be having the Year One seaside workshop days:

1G - 18th May

1T - 19th May

After half term Year One will be visiting the Chelsea Physic Garden:

1G - 9th June

1T - 10th June

Should you need to see either of us then Miss Green is available on Monday between 9:00am and 9:30am and Miss Tunnicliffe is available on Friday between 2:20pm and 2:55pm.

Year One Teachers

Miss Debbie Green and Miss Jodie Tunnicliffe