

Blue Whales Term 5

This term in Blue Whales class we will be putting together everything we have learnt so far as the children prepare for their KS2 SATs, beginning on May 13th. To help us to prepare for this, we will be playing revision games and producing learning guides for each other and for other pupils, too! The children have been working very hard and we are proud of their efforts this year; they will be ready to do their very best because of the excellent attitudes they have shown. Here are the main areas in which we will be focussed during this busy term:

Maths:

Arithmetic. As well as regularly practising our methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, we will be ensuring we can work with fractions (adding them, subtracting them, multiplying them by each other and by whole numbers and dividing them by whole numbers) and finding percentages of numbers in the fewest steps possible.

Reasoning. We need to be able to show our maths skills across a range of different situations and contexts, especially with finding missing numbers in calculations, putting fractions into order of size and solving problems using time (including reading timetables correctly). A good mathematician should be able to explain reasoning and say why a statement is right or wrong, and we will be practising doing just this.

Reading:

We will be finishing our work on Michael Morpurgo's 'Friend or Foe' in the first two weeks of term, and using our skills to compare characters and settings, to show we know how to work out unfamiliar words and what they mean and to say what we think a character is like and what evidence shows us this. We

will also be learning to summarise paragraphs effectively and quickly and accurately state what is true and false from what we have read.

Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling:

We need to show that we can use the full range of grammar and punctuation that we have learnt across KS2. Blue Whales will especially be focussing on word classes – being able to spot adjectives, adverbs, nouns, verbs, conjunctions and prepositions. We also will be looking at the various tenses of verbs and when sentences are grammatically correct.

In writing, we will be making sure that we can write formally and informally, choosing the right words and style to fit our reader, and will be writing descriptively to entertain the intended audience.

We will be learning yoga with Donna on a Thursday afternoon as part of PE, as well as continuing our PSHE work learning about healthy relationships – an area that the children have enjoyed very much during Term 4.

Helping to prepare for SATs

At home, children can help to get themselves ready by:

- Completing any quick quizzes or challenges that have been set when they get home.
- Finishing any tasks that have been set during extra 1:1 lessons.
- Resting well, *including getting a good night's sleep!*
- Having a good breakfast, meaning that they can concentrate and do their very best during school time. Remember, we do have a breakfast club in school available to use for all pupils if needed.