

## Welcome back after a glorious sunny Easter Holiday!

Our topic is Who is afraid of the Dark!

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## Science

The children will be learning about the differences between light and dark.



They will find out about why we have night and day and how the day length varies, according to the time of year. We will investigate how the sun appears to move across the sky, using shadows.

## English

We will be reading the story, 'The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark', linking this to our understanding of the dark and developing descriptive sentences which capture the way it makes us feel.

We will be developing our joined writing as well as ensuring we form all our letters correctly.

In phonics we will be revising sets 2 and 3, ay, ee, igh, ow, oo, ar, or, air, ir, ou, oy, ee/ea, ay/a-e, igh/i-e, ow/o-e, oo/u-e, or/aw, air/are, ir, ur, ou/ow, ai, oa, ew, ire, ear, ure, tion, tious, cious.

## Art

We will be looking at the paintings created by Van Gogh, and painting a picture of Durdle Dor in his style.

We will be thinking about light and dark shades to create mood.



## Phonics Test

Nationally all Year 1 children take a phonics test in June (W.B 12th). We will continue to send home the sounds your children need to practise—see the list above for the sounds.

## Year 1 Curriculum News

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## PE kits

We do PE twice a week, so please could you ensure that your child has their PE kit, including plimsolls/ trainers, in school every day. All kit and uniform must be named.

## Sun Hats!



Hooray—at last the sun is here! Please send in a named sun hat for your child and we will encourage them to wear it. We can keep them here in the Hat Box. Sun screen should be applied before children come to school please.

Water Bottles Every day please.

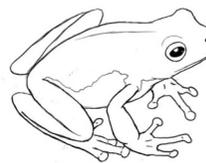
## Maths

The children will be learning to solve word problems using addition and subtraction. They will continue to use a range of maths equipment to add and subtract, including number lines and 100 squares. They will add 3 small numbers together, using doubles and number facts to help them.



The children will continue to practise telling the time to half past and o'clock. They will also learn to measure weight and capacity.

## Testwood Lakes.



As part of our science topic on animals we will visit Testwood Lakes on Fri 19th May. The day will involve pond dipping, classifying animals and looking at habitats. If it is very wet or cold there is an indoor classroom, but please ensure your child has warm waterproof clothes and wellies. Or weather depending—sun hats and sun cream! Please come and help—we need lots of adults because of the pond dipping.

PSHE—we are using the stories, 'The Selfish Crocodile' and 'The Smartest Giant in Town' to reflect on kind and sharing behaviour.