

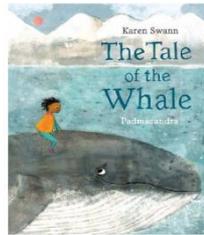
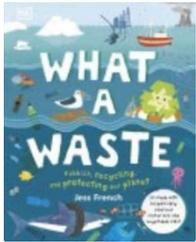


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Dear Parents / Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you have a lovely Christmas break and enjoyed some time with family and friends. May we take this opportunity to say thank you for the gifts and well wishes received before the holiday. They are really appreciated.



Our core texts for this half term are 'What a Waste' and 'The Tale of the Whale'. These books support our global theme of 'Saving Our Environment' beautifully and we are looking forward to using them as a stimulus for our English work. In relation to this, please look out for a message about donating a canned or long-life food item linked with our core text and focus on reducing waste. More details to follow!

In Maths, we will be counting, ordering and comparing numbers to 20 and then using these numbers to solve addition and subtraction calculations and recalling number facts.

Our Science topic this half term is 'Animals'. We will be grouping animals into the key groups (fish, birds, mammals, reptiles, insects and amphibians) and thinking about in which countries particular animals can be found. In Geography, we will be finding out about the oceans of the world. In DT, we will be exploring moving pictures, such as those in picture books which use sliders to move objects and creating our own. Our PE days continue to be Tuesdays and Fridays so please remember to wear PE kits on these days.

We are continuing to work hard on our reading skills. It is clear a number of children have been working hard to read their 'Tricky words'. **Thank you so much for your ongoing support with this.** We are also reinforcing blending skills this half term. Please aim to read **at least 3 times each week** and sign the reading diary once you have shared the book or words.

As always, please do not hesitate to come and see us if you have any questions or concerns!

Kind regards,

Mrs Rodgers and Mrs Macdonald