



# SKYLARKS NEWSLETTER



## SUMMER 1

**Our theme is:  
Fantasy Journeys**

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

**Skylarks Gathering: Friday 16th May  
9:30am (straight after Celebration  
Assembly which will be Kestrels' sharing)**

**Mondays - Swimming**

**Thursdays - PE with Mr. Brotherhood**

### MATHS

Both year groups will continue to explore measure.

Both year groups will also learn about fractions and time including:

equal and unequal parts, recognising and finding a half, quarter, third and whole, the equivalence of 2 quarters and a half and finding 3 quarters.

O' clock, half past, quarter past. Y2 will explore telling the time in 5 minute intervals.

### Some of our questions are:

**Amelia - What type of animals lay eggs?**

**Izzy - What different coloured eggs are there?**

**Imogen - Where do eggs come from?**

**Amelia - How many people have been to London?**

**Lily - Who has travelled to America? Which islands have we been to?**

**Tilly - Where does Snow White live?**

**Theo - Who discovered the Egyptians?**

**Alana - What did the Egyptians wear?**

**George - How deep is the sea?**

**Ivy - Who explores the sea?**

## English

Our Writing Roots texts will be:



Our Literacy Leaves book will be:



## Spelling and Phonics

**Phonics** - ch written as 'tch', 'sh' alternatives, e written as 'ea' as in feather, sh written as 's' as in sure, o written as '(w)a' as in was, u written as 'o' as in come.

We will also revise the learning we have covered this year and will focus on individual and small group work on gaps in small groups.

**Spelling rules:** the prefix -un  
adding the endings er, ing and est to a verb  
adding s and es to make plurals  
Y2 - Adding -ed, -ing, -er and -est to a root word ending in y, e or where a double consonant is needed.

Apostrophes for contraction and to show possession.



## Science

This half term we will continue to think about life cycles and eggs in relation to our text 'The Odd Egg'. We will also explore everyday materials and investigate the questions:

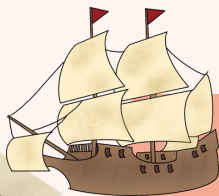
Which materials could be used to make a waterproof hat?

What could I wrap a chicken egg in to keep it warm while it is waiting to hatch?

What can I wrap an egg in to protect it from a fall?

## History

We will discover famous explorers from our local area including Captain Vancouver and Howard Carter.



## Geography

We will discover the seven continents and 5 oceans. We will answer George's question 'How deep is the sea?' and Ivy's question "Who explores the sea?" We will explore voyages taken across the oceans by explorers. We will compare parts of Canada and the UK and will look at old maps of these places such as those created by Captain Vancouver.



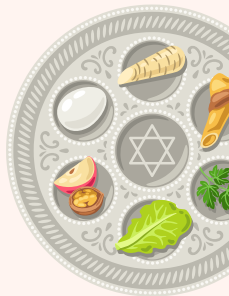
## Art

In Art we will continue to look at the sculptors Bill Brandt and Henry Moore. We will take inspiration from nature to create our own collages and sculptures.

## RE

Our inquiry questions will be:  
Y1: What does the cross mean to Christians?

Y2: How do Jewish people celebrate Passover (Pesach)?



## PSHE

We will begin to think about ways to cope with and look forward to change.

## Computing

We will be learning to program Beebot robots and give a sequence of commands to complete a task. We will create journeys and paths for our Beebots to explore.



*We are looking forward to a happy and fun year of learning and will always endeavour to help your child to shine their light. If you have any questions or concerns please get in touch at:*

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