


Subject	What is my child learning about at school?
English	<p>Story – The Rainbow Fish Your child will learn to retell the story of The Rainbow Fish. Each day they will practise writing complete sentences in speech bubbles, speech marks and learn the skills for letter writing. They will also consolidate their prior learning of similes, adjectives, connectives (e.g. but, so), determiners (e.g. his, her, many), sentence openers, question openers and appropriate punctuation.</p>
	<p>Non-fiction- sea life facts Your child will learn how to research in a variety of ways e.g. using information from posters.</p>
	<p>You could ask your child to retell the story of The Rainbow Fish, to think of describing words and similes for the characters. When your child reads please emphasise the use of speech marks.</p>
Writing	<p>Nelson Handwriting Your child is practising with a 'Perfect Pencil Grip' and 'Posture for Writing'. Pupils are joining two and three letters when they make one sound eg. the 'ou' in cloud, or the 'air' in chair.</p> 
	<p>You could support by continuing to practise good posture, upper and lower case letters at home ensuring it is outstanding every time.</p>
Reading	<p>Sounds-Write (Phonics) Your child will continue to practise their skills of segmenting, blending and phoneme manipulation. Many of the children are learning to read words of more than one syllable, such as shocking and pocket.</p>
	<p>Guided Reading This half term your child will read in a group focusing on using a confident voice. We will also focus on comprehension and blending skills.</p> <p>Reading Your child will have opportunities to read their work out loud and read key words off the board.</p>
	<p>Please support by listening to your child read their book every night at home and by reading them a range of poems, stories and non-fiction at the level they can currently read. Follow this up with discussions, so your child has the chance to link texts to their own experience, and to express their opinions. E.g. What is the poet writing about?</p>
Mathematics	<p>Your child will begin to learn multiplication focusing on making equal groups and solving word problems. For example, there are 6 sandwiches in each box. How many sandwiches are there in 3 boxes? In addition, your child will then learn about division by grouping and sharing equally. For example, Ravi has 18 pencils, he puts 6 pencils in each pot. How many boxes does Ravi need? Then, your child will learn about fractions by making halves, quarters, sharing and grouping. Excitingly the children will have an opportunity to make 'fairy bread' to practise making halves and quarters.</p>
	<p>You could continue to support your child by helping them to learn their number bonds up to 20 and using this knowledge to solve everyday word problems. E.g. There are 12 apples and 6 bananas in the fruit bowl. How many pieces of fruit are there altogether? Also, you could challenge your child with their 2, 5 and 10 times tables.</p>
Core Knowledge	<p>In R.E your child will learn about Baptism and the story of Easter. They will explore how and why it is celebrated.</p>

	<p>In Science your child will be learning about weather by naming and describing the four seasons and understanding tools are used to gather information about the weather. They will also learn present data using a graph and be able to identify the different types of cloud.</p> <p>In History your child will continue to learn about Pre-Historic Britain with a focus on the Ice Age, Stone Age and Bronze Age.</p>
	You could support at home by talking about the weather. You could even make a wind chime and a rain catcher.
Character	Your child is learning about curiosity through stories and circle time. Your child will also be learning about the character virtue creativity.
	You can support your child's curiosity by exploring their interests and answering questions that may arise. E.g. How is milk turned into cheese?
Art	Your child is learning about paintings of children and how paintings can tell us about people from the past. They will also be learning how to draw children and chose colours for painting.
	You could support by discussing various art works at the National Gallery or on a google image search.
Music	In weekly music lessons this term we are learning to use our voices to make different sounds. Your child will also learn some songs about The Rainbow Fish and some songs linked to Easter.
	You could support by singing songs together or by making homemade instruments with old saucepans.
P.E and Tennis	Your child will take part in two P.E lessons. On Wednesday they will take part in a hockey lesson with where they will focus on control and co-ordination skills. On Friday they will take part in a tennis lesson with their class teacher where they will continue to learn the skills of side stepping, racket grip, aim, ball and racket control.
	Please ensure your child eats a healthy, balanced diet and arrives at school having eaten a nutritious breakfast. Details of our breakfast club are available from the School Office.