



Year 1 News

A newsletter for Dusky Dolphins and Spinner Dolphins

Spring Term 2024

Welcome back!
We hope you all had a
wonderful Christmas and
we wish you a
Happy New Year!

For information on what we will be learning
as part of our 'On the Move' topic, please see
the curriculum pages of our website.

<https://www.stnicolasmary.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Curriculum&pid=35>

Home School Link Worker

Should you have any concerns
about your child and would
like someone to talk things
through (e.g. friendship
issues, behaviour, routines,
toileting), our Home School
Link Worker is available to
provide support. Mrs Collins
can be contacted via the
school office or by emailing:
homeschoollink@stnm.org.uk



YOUR CHILD COULD WIN A BOOK!

Please remember to tick the
reading diary after they have
read. When they have 10 ticks,
they get a lucky book token!

SPRING CLEANING?

We would be very grateful
for unwanted toys you wish
to donate which relate to:
vehicles/garages, small
people, castles, knights,
princesses/royalty, dragons
and or any outdoor play
equipment.

Please speak to your child's
class teacher before bringing
in to school.

It is **vital** that your
child reads a little
every day at home.
This underpins all
learning and reinforces
their understanding of
letters and sounds. It is
wonderful that so many
parents are coming in
to read. Thank you! 😊

Please check that you
have **labelled** all your
child's school clothes.
This saves teachers a
lot of time and stops
items from getting lost!

Church Visit

We are due to visit to
St Mary De Haura
church as part of our
Religious Education
learning this term.

Tea Party

We usually arrange a
tea party at the end of
the spring term and
hope to continue this
tradition.

Our topics for this term



History & Geography

English money - Royal Mint
Locating London and it's landmarks
4 countries of the United Kingdom
Capital cities and surrounding seas.

Where chocolate is from and the journey it makes
Similarities and difference between the UK and Africa

Art and Design

Using paints and other techniques to create a night scene.
Designing a chocolate wrapper
African art

Maths

Developing mental strategies
Addition and subtraction
Time
Measurement
Properties of shape
Position and direction

As much as possible we will link our maths to our topic

English

Creative writing linked to the Naughty Bus
Poetry
Information texts
Recounts
Stories from a range of cultures
Stories with predictable and patterned language

Science

Seasonal change
Forces and Movement
Electricity
Materials

On the Move

Music

Traditional music from the countries of the UK
Songs about belonging
Playing tuned and untuned percussion
Music from other cultures.

Digital Literacy and Computing

We will be learning how to give instructions and write programs to direct battery operated toys.
We will be continuing to use word processing and the internet.
Safe use of the internet
We will use iPads to record short films.

PSHCE

Self awareness and self-esteem
Getting on with family and friends.

RE (Religious Education)

Big questions
Spirited poetry
Church visit
The Easter story

DT (Design Technology)

Making props for our films
Making chocolate bars and their packaging.

PE (Physical Education)

Dance – exploring movements and creating our own sequences
Gym – pushing, pulling, balancing and stretching