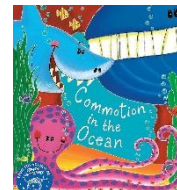
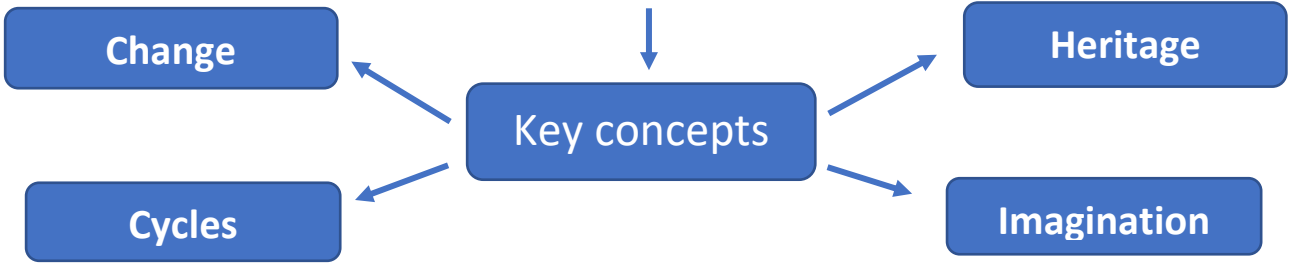


Summer Term 2026  
Class 1



How do things change? | What lives beneath the waves?



**Overview**  
Welcome to an amazing summer term at Whitemoor Academy packed full of inspiring learning opportunities. Our project enquiry questions will involve the children exploring the lifecycles of frogs, butterflies, and plants. In the second half of summer term the children will continue to learn about where we live, the importance of the sea and oceans and the animals that live beneath the waves.

**Prime Areas**

**Personal, Social & Emotional Development PSHE**  
this term focusses being my best and growing and changing. Children will learn about how to be healthy and changes in their body as they grow. In summer 2 Class 1 children will prepare for transition into reception and year 1.

**Communication and Language**  
We will continue to share lots of stories, sing songs and nursery rhymes and build on vocabulary, encouraging children to use new words in their play. Children in reception will be encouraged to start asking their own questions to explore topics that and deepen their understanding.

**Physical Development**  
We will continue to practise daily routines to ensure children can follow instructions to keep safe. PE will focus on skills with their feet, games to support turn taking and understanding of rules, and will prepare children for sports day. Our morning fine motor activities s will continue to support all children in developing their finger and hand strength, cutting and mark making.

**Literacy**

**Nursery** – Children in nursery will continue to play games to hear initial sounds and begin to play Fred Games to orally segment and blend words. The children will begin their phonics journey to recognise the pictures used to represent sounds in RWI phonics.

**Reception** – Children will continue to be streamed in phonics and will learn new sounds and common exception words in line with their phonics journey. (e.g. the, I, me, of). Writing will be taught as a whole class, with a focus on improving fine motor skills and using finger spaces, full stops and capital letters.

**Maths**

**Nursery** – Learning will cover shapes, patterns, mass, capacity, positional language and counting in sequence using 1:1 correspondence.

**Reception** – Children will continue to secure number bonds to 10 and develop a deep sense of number to 20, including doubling, odd and even, and grouping.

**Understanding the World** – Looking at lifecycles, children will explore the changes that occur for frogs, butterflies and plants and how we can help care for the environment. The class will also look at weather cycles and how the seasons changes over the year. In the second half of summer term children will look Cornwall and the wider-world, thinking about different climates with a focus on the ocean.

**Expressive Arts and Design** – Learning to sing well-known nursery rhymes, listening to music and finding the pulse/beat and using simple percussion to tap rhythms. As part of Drawing Club and Finger Fit literacy activities, children will have daily opportunities to practise skills and be creative. They will also have opportunities to explore printing and sculpture.

**Home Learning** – Children's development improves when supported to read at home. For children in reception, we reward reading with housepoints and certificates. All children are encouraged to complete their weekly handwriting home learning, which will be rewarded with housepoints, and enjoying 'show and tell' of activities in class.

Home Learning	What is expected	When will it be given?
Reading Book	<p><b>Please read daily and record in reading record.</b></p> <p>Books will be changed weekly and are matched to the phonics group. The first books sent home are wordless and are for building story-telling skills. Stickers are awarded for every 5 reads completed at home, and certificates are awarded for 50, 100 &amp; 150 reads at home.</p> <p>Library books can be shared with an adult at home</p>	<p>Reading books: Friday</p> <p>Library books: Friday</p>
Home Learning Challenge	<p>Please encourage your child to complete their handwriting home learning each week. This can be a worksheet in their bookbag. Please share any home learning on tapestry and the children will have the opportunity to talk about it to their friends in 'show and tell'.</p>	<p>In book bags on Friday.</p>

This overview shows the intended learning, which may change due to pupil interests.



### Important Information

#### **Monday – PE:**

Please provide a PE kit to keep in school.

#### **Outdoor Learning:**

Please provide a pair of wellies to keep in school. Class 1 regularly learn outside and wellies are needed in wet weather.

#### **Spare Clothing:**

Children have free-flow access to paint, mud kitchen and water. We provide aprons and coats for very messy play, however sometimes clothes can get wet and messy. It is helpful to have spare clothing which can be kept in their PE bag.