



Dear Parents/Carers,

We're so excited to welcome you back and to begin this exciting new chapter in Year 1 with our lovely Jellyfish class. It's a big step, and we're thrilled to be on this journey together — a year full of learning, exploring, and growing awaits!

We're diving straight into our first topic: 'Our Portland, Our Ocean'. To kick things off, we'll be making a big splash with a Beach School morning! We'll be exploring the island, rolling up our sleeves for a beach clean, and topping it all off with a seaside picnic by the lighthouse.

PE lessons will take place every Tuesday. Children should arrive in their regular school uniform and bring their PE kits in a clearly labelled bag, ready to change into during the day. Please make sure all uniform and kit items are named - we don't want anything drifting away like a lost jellyfish in the sea!

If you have any questions, concerns, or simply want to check in, please feel free to get in touch. We're always here to support you and your child throughout their Year 1 journey.

Miss Neve, Mrs Redhead and Mrs Bradbury

OUR DRIVING QUESTION:

Why is Portland a unique place to live?

AS WRITERS we will be focussing on our text 'Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' and 'The Pink Pippas of Portland'. We will be using our phonetic knowledge to write sentences that can be read by others.

AS MATHEMATICIANS we start by looking at place value to ten, begin addition and subtraction, and continue building our number knowledge.

AS GEOGRAPHERS we will be becoming cartographers and using directional language to navigate maps of our local area. We will also be exploring oceans and continents.

AS COMPUTER SCIENTISTS we will be exploring to keep safe using technology and become ESAFE.

AS ARTISTS we'll explore Mandy Evans' Under the Ocean triptych and experiment with colour using poster paints, crayons, chalk, pencils, and felt tips.

AS SCIENTISTS explore how our bodies use the five senses to explore the world around us. We will also begin our exciting year-long investigation into the seasons.

AS CITIZENS (PSHCE) we will be focusing on belonging and what makes a good citizen.

AS RELIGIOUS INVESTIGATORS we will be learning all about Judaism, including why the Torah is so important and what is Passover.

AS SPORTS STARS we will be continuing our journey to becoming great athletes by perfecting our Fundamental Movement Skills, ensuring we can competently and confidently tackle any activity.

As MUSICIANS we will be learning the 'Menu Song' and listening to the beat, timbre, tempo, dynamics and pitch of classical music.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- PE is on **Tuesday**.
- Please read with your child everyday and sign their reading record.
- Every child must have a clear drink bottle that can be refilled with water.

Our Portland Our Ocean

How can we, as geographers, understand how Portland is a unique place to live?

Termly homework

Please choose at least two of these projects to complete at home and bring into school to display.



Home Task: Go on tour of Portland

Conduct a survey of the traffic outside your house or on a nearby busier road. Can you record your results as a pictogram?

Go on a maths outdoor treasure hunt. Can you find some natural objects to represent numbers to 10?

Write a shopping list for the ingredients you would put in your favourite sandwich.

Make a model of a Portland landmark.

Talk to someone at home about what makes your home or neighbourhood special. Draw or write about your favourite place nearby and why you like it.

Imagine you are staying in a lighthouse. Write a postcard to a friend or family member describing what you see, hear, and do.

Make a poster about how you can be safe when using a device.



Home Task: Visit [Portland Library](#) and take out your very own home reading book.