

# Ocean Class Summer 1 Newsletter 2024

## Maths

EYFS children have been working on numbers within 20; exploring addition & subtraction and finding missing numbers; identifying odd & even numbers and exploring grouping and sharing.

Year 1 children have worked on multiplication and division, fractions (finding a half and a quarter of a quantity and a shape) and looking at position and direction (ordinal numbers, left & right and turns).



## Science

Our topic has been about plants this half term. We have been learning about the different parts of a plant and what jobs they have. We have enjoyed planting our sunflowers and we look forward to looking after them and watching them grow at home. We planted cress seeds, and we were amazed at how fast they grew!



## English

Genres have included writing an explanation text, a poem, a persuasive piece of writing - detailing why we think it is a good idea for Ocean class to have a class pet (...not really!) and then creating our own alternative versions of Cinderella. Did you know...some of our children decided that the shoe didn't actually fit Cinderella, and she didn't get to marry the Prince!



## History

We have loved finding out facts about the Leeds - Liverpool canal. We know how long it is; where it starts and finishes; how long it took to make; who made it and why it was built. We can talk about the usage of the canal in the past and compare to how it's used today.



## Art

We have really enjoyed learning about the Japanese artist Yayoi Kusama. We have experimented with different techniques to create polka dots and used materials to create 3D sculptures.

## R.E

Our topic has been about 'Which people are special and why?' We have talked about people who are special to them; said what makes their family and friends special to them; identified some of the qualities of a good friend and talked about stories of Jesus as a friend to others.

## French

We have had great fun learning some key phrases and can greet each other in simple terms. We have begun to look at pet names and food in French. This will continue next half term.



## Harewood House Visit

This half term, we took part in an interactive workshop to identify the different types of trees, the seasonal changes they undergo as part of their life cycle and the different habitats they create for wildlife. We loved the adventure playground!

