



# Kelvin Grove Primary School

## Reception Weekly Newsletter

7<sup>th</sup> May 2025

This term the children have become **environmentalists** for our topic 'under the sea'. We are focusing on how we can look after our school and the wider environment around us. This week we have read 'The Big Book of the Blue' by Yuval Zommer, which is a non – fiction book that explores the underwater world of seas and oceans - sharing important sea life facts.



During the first part of the term we read 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley'

We explored the journey of plastic waste from our classroom to the ocean and the impact this has on the planet. The children have worked so hard making posters to help the children in our school understand why and how we can look after our oceans.



### Maths

We have focused on adding but counting on. The children have used a range of strategies to help them understand the concept of counting on. We have used our fingers, part, part, whole and number sentences. We focused on using a number line and drawing the intervals that represent the numbers we are adding. The children have really understood this concept and we have seen great progress with their adding. We have applied these strategies to subtracting on a number line also.

### Creative

We have loved exploring using different junk modelling materials to create different sea animals. We have been able to use all of our creative skills to create some wonderful outcomes. The children have loved using the materials to create individual and whole class collages.



## Forest School

Summer clothing list for forest school:

- Long sleeved T-shirt. This means your child does not have to wear a hot waterproof coat.
  - Waterproof trousers as it is still muddy
  - Wellies as we have a lovely splashing muddy puddle area.



## Junk Orchestra

We are very excited about our visit from the junk orchestra.  
We appreciate your contributions via Scopay.

## Reading in reception

**Home reading books** – We are going to spend the next half term securing the children's fluency and confidence when reading their phonics book. You may notice that your child may receive a book they have read before or have the same book twice in a row. This will help your child secure the application of their phonic knowledge. If you have any questions please speak to your child's class teacher.



## Warmer Weather

As the warmer weather approaches it is really important your child stays hydrated. Please bring in a named water bottle. Please only provide your child with water.

## Names on clothing

Please ensure your child's clothing has their name on it. At this time of year jumpers and cardigans come off, and it is very difficult to keep track of them, especially if they do not have names in them.

## Sun cream

Please ensure you apply sun cream to your child before they come to school. They can bring a labelled bottle into school, which they can apply themselves, if possible.

