



Reception Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to all our parents and children. We hope you had a good half term break! We have another busy and exciting summer term planned.

Our Themes

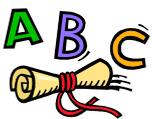
We are learning and finding out about the seaside, rock pools and different sea creatures this half term. The topic 'Who Lives in a Rock Pool?' is very exciting and enables pupils to explore what lives under the sea and what they like to eat and do!

Children will read a range of fiction and non-fiction books, and carry out problem solving activities surrounding our topic. We have set up a 'Deep Sea Explorers' role-play area for children to dress up and act out different sea creature related stories. We will be using the outdoor environment for observing seasonal changes and investigating life cycles.

Here is a brief overview of our weekly themes this half term:

- Week 1 - At the seaside
- Week 2 - Buckets of Fun!
- Week 3 - Pirate Party
- Week 4 - Something Fishy!
- Week 5 - Mermaid Tales
- Week 6 - On the Seashore
- Week 7 - Under the Sea

Literacy:



Reading and Writing - We will continue to change children's reading books each week. Towards the end of the academic year, we will require all choosing books to be returned to school, ready for September 2018. Books will still be available for children to read on Bug Club online and children will be allocated

plenty of books to read over the summer holiday.

Children will be given opportunities to write for different purposes e.g. writing letters, invitations, stories and postcards or shopping lists. We are beginning to encourage children to include words such as 'and' or 'because' to lengthen sentences and to add more detail to children's ideas. We will continue to support children in writing all letters of the alphabet correctly.

Phonics - This half term, children will be revising phase 2 and 3 sounds and tricky words. As part of our phase 4 work children will be learning to read and write CVCC words (such as **lamp**, **soft** and **sand**) and CCVC words (such as **frog**, **slip** and **trap**).

We would appreciate it if you could continue to practise the sounds you have at home, this will really help to reinforce their learning.

Bug Club - Thank you to all of the parents and children who have regularly been using Bug Club books at home. The staff monitor Bug Club closely to see how children are getting on with the quizzes. If you have forgotten your password or need any support with this, please let a member of staff know. Children will continue to use Bug Club in Year 1 and 2, so it is very important for children to be reading these books on a regular basis.

Maths:



We are really pleased with the children's ability to count objects reliably and order numbers.

During this half term children will be practising their problem solving and calculating skills, here are some examples:

- Using the language such as '*taking away*' or '*adding*' to solve simple calculations.
- '*How many have you got altogether?*' Finding the total number in two groups by counting all of them and recording it in a calculation ' $7+3=10$ '.
- How children share objects for example, sharing 8 crayons equally between 4 children and knowing that each child has 2 crayons each.

- Methods children use to answer a problem for example when sharing out sweets 'Get one more and then we will both have two'. We have set up 'Fish and Chip Shop' role-play areas in our classrooms to enable the children to count, add, subtract and use language related to money.

Outdoor Provision



We devote a lot of the Reception timetable to outdoor learning and we invite children to bring in a water bottle every day so that they can access them as and when they feel thirsty, especially as the weather gets warmer. If children would like to bring their own sun hat in, it should be clearly labelled with their name and class, and can be kept in the provided box in the cloakroom area.

Please apply sun protection cream to children at home before coming to school.

Transition to Year One

During this time of the year, Reception children start their transition into Year 1. We will begin by talking to the children about what Year 1 is like and what they can expect. Teachers in Reception will be meeting with Year 1 staff to talk about individual children and begin to pass over all of the information they will need. Children will also have planned opportunities to visit their new class teachers and spend time in their new classrooms.

Swimming Dates

- **Wednesday 6th June** - Swimming
- **Wednesday 13th June** - NO swimming
- **Wednesday 20th June** - Swimming
- **Wednesday 27th June** - Swimming
- **Wednesday 4th July** - Swimming
- **Wednesday 11th July** - Swimming (Last session - children are invited to bring in inflatables for a fun swimming session)
- **Wednesday 18th July** - NO swimming

Diary Dates

- **Monday 11th June** - Infants and Juniors are having a whole-school photograph taken on the school field.
- **Friday 15th June** - Summer Fair (2.00 - 3.45pm)
- **Thursday 28th June** - Visit 1
Reception children will visit their new class teacher in Year 1 during the afternoon. Parents will collect children from their new Year 1 classroom - more information to follow.
- **Friday 29th June** - Reception are sharing trophies, certificates or medals in the celebration assembly.

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Visit 2 - Reception children will visit their new class teacher in Year 1 during the afternoon. Parents will collect children from their new Year 1 classroom.

- **Tuesday 3rd July** - Visit 3
Reception children will visit their new class teacher during the afternoon. Parents will collect children from their new Year 1 classroom.
- **Thursday 5th July** - Visit 4
Reception children will visit their new class teacher during the afternoon. Parents will collect children from their new Year 1 classroom.

Thank you parents and carers for your ongoing help and support this year!

The Reception Team

