



## Class 1 Summer 2017 - 2<sup>nd</sup> half

We are into the final 7 weeks of term which is extremely hard to believe! Having been with the school for only a few weeks now I can already see how well prepared the children are for their new challenges next year! They are showing wonderful enthusiasm and have been engaging so well in the work we have been doing, which is excellent!

This half term our topic is the Seaside. We will be finding out about what makes it so special and explore the different experiences we have had. We will also be focusing on the different types of animals we might find at the seaside and in the ocean and what it was like at the seaside hundreds of years ago! Our art will be linked to this topic and we will be creating collages and painting the seaside.

In Literacy we will be continuing to focus on handwriting and letter formation in particular which is a real focus in the new curriculum. We are reinforcing finger spaces, full stops and capital letters and using descriptive language to enhance work. Year 1 will focus specifically on spelling the common exception words (tricky words). Your continued support with this is vital and we thank you in advance for reading with your child and helping them to learn these important words. We are also going to be learning the story of the Little Red Hen!

In numeracy we are revisiting our work on time. Please help support this at home particularly as learning this within their own environment and in a context familiar for children is important, as well as it being a wonderful skill for them to acquire. We will continue to build on our work and knowledge of everyday skills including number recognition, writing numbers in words and developing our multiplication knowledge in 2s, 5s and 10s. We will also be beginning to use the language greater than, less than and equal to.

Our science topic will run alongside our main topic of the Seaside. We will be developing our knowledge of science through asking simple questions which can be answered in different ways, performing simple tests and completing observations and making suggestions.

Within computing, the children have access to ICT provision and we have been talking about using this responsibly whilst recognising the common ways we can use technology beyond school.

Don't forget to keep letting us know about your child's success at home.

We love to share achievements.

PE - Mr Warriner will continue to work with the class on Mondays and we will have PE on Thursday too.

Staffing:

Mrs Withington - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

Mr Barwick - Thursday and Friday

Mrs Collins - Monday, Tuesday

Mrs Fielding - Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

Miss Wilkie - Every morning and some afternoons.

Please feel free to come and look at your child's Learning Journey at any point. They are a lovely record of how each child spends their time. We are a very open classroom and team, so do come and talk to us if you have any questions or worries and we will do our best to help. If you have any time and would like to come in to help with art, playing games, reading books etc. we would love to hear from you. To help your child, please ensure they have named PE kit in school every day, along with reading books, diaries and home/school books. Reading books - Daily to school PE - Monday and Wednesday Library books - Tuesday Homework (for Year 1) - given out on Tuesday, back for the following Monday please.

Many thanks,

Class 1 teachers Mrs Withington and Mr Barwick