

Foundation Stage 2 Newsletter Summer 2 2018.

Holidays the Seaside!

This half term, our learning will focus around holidays and the seaside. We are going to visit the seaside. The children will have visits to their new classroom with their new teacher, which you will be informed about soon.



Understanding the world

We will be focusing on journeys and travelling and the key features of different environments, such as the seaside.

Communication and Language development.

We will be focusing on:

- Answering questions about 'why' and 'how' things happen
- Listening to stories without pictures or prompts

Physical development

We will be learning:

- How to form our letters correctly
- How to work together in team games
- How to ride a bike without stabilisers

Literacy

Our literacy will focus around holidays and the seaside destinations. We will be writing for different purposes – recounts, postcards, letters, lists and instructions, and we will be making sure we use the key features of each genre e.g. 'Dear mum and dad' on a postcard. In reading, we will continue to build up our bank of key words.

Numeracy

We will be focusing on adding and taking away by counting on and back. We will also be solving problems including doubling, halving and sharing.

Expressive arts and design

We will be using different media to create different textures and effects.

We will be learning how to use music to accompany our singing.

Personal, social and emotional development.

We will be talking about things we enjoy, things we are good at and about the things we don't find easy. We will be preparing the children for changes and moving on to year 1.

Important dates for your diary:

- 🚩 Friday 29th June – TRIP TO CLEETHORPES
- 🚩 Wednesday 27th June – SPORTS AFTERNOON – come along and support your child
- 🚩 Friday 6th July 2.30-5.30pm – SUMMER FAYRE
- 🚩 Wednesday 11th July – Celebration of Work – drop in to school to see your child's work books between 3-5pm

How can I help at home?

Mrs Mountford and Mrs Mitchell often have parents asking how they can help their child at home, so here is a list of suggestions. Of course, we also value all the other skills that your child is learning at home such as exploring, playing and imagining but these suggestions all link directly to what is going to be taught in school this half term! We hope you find them useful.

Personal, social and emotional development

- Ensure that your child is brought into school in a calm way
- Start the day, between 8.40 and 8.50, reading to your child, or listening to your child read
- Talk to your child about the changes that are happening now that they are 5 (or nearly 5!) and that they will be going to the next class and they will be year 1 children
- Talk to your child about always working hard and trying his/her best

Literacy

- Listen to your child read every night at home and write this in your child's home school diary
- Help your child to read and write the words that are on his/her bookmark and follow up the teacher's "next step" in the reading diary each week
- Show your child how to form letters correctly - if you are not sure, ask your child's teacher

Numeracy

- Play number doubling and halving games
- Talk about ordering, counting and problem solving with your child in every day situations, for example "there are 4 people in our family and 2 friends are coming, how many plates do we need at dinner time?"
- Show your child how to form numbers correctly, starting from the top.
- Do number bond quizzes, for example ask your child "what is 4+6 or 5+5"

Physical development

- Show your child how to do buttons and turn clothes the right way round
- Help your child to learn how to ride a bike without stabilisers
- Help your child to learn how to skip with a rope