

## Elm Class, June 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school for the last half term of the year. I hope you had an enjoyable half-term. Our learning theme for this half term is 'Water, Water, Everywhere'. Attached you will find the topic web which provides an overview of intended learning opportunities.

Key information and dates are provided in the letter below but do not hesitate to come and see me if you have any questions or concerns. The best time is at the end of the day, so if you would like to make an appointment to see me after school please contact the school office or drop me a note in the morning in order to arrange a time.

Best Wishes

Mrs Hore

### **P.E. / Marvellous Moat Sessions**

P.E. Lessons and Moat will continue to be on Friday. As the weather improves, the majority of P.E. lessons will take place outside. Please ensure that the children are wearing plimsolls or trainers in addition to their usual P.E. kit of a red t-shirt and navy/black shorts. It is also important that the children have a water bottle and a sun hat as it gets warmer to keep them safe from the sun.

### **Swimming Lessons**

The children will have swimming lessons on Tuesday afternoons and Thursday mornings. We would really appreciate it if parents/carers are able to offer their time to support these sessions. Please see the rota at this link:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1YiTWjSXq\\_OZ1zgtT8-69eciapMyqi3QZRsxwoxEQgfM/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1YiTWjSXq_OZ1zgtT8-69eciapMyqi3QZRsxwoxEQgfM/edit?usp=sharing)

The children will be doing additional P.E. sessions and these will be particularly focusing on practising the skills needed for Sports Day.

### **WOW Cards and Tapestry**

Thank you so much for sharing your child's achievements by sending in WOW cards and contributing to their Tapestry Learning Journals. These contributions help me to know your children even better and the children love to celebrate their achievements with their friends. Please continue to do this.

### Dates for the diary

7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> June: Art Week

27<sup>th</sup> June – 1<sup>st</sup> July Well-being week

1<sup>st</sup> July: Sports Day (details to follow)

18<sup>th</sup> July: Move up morning

### Transition

During this term we will be starting to prepare the children for the transition to Year One. We will be learning how we can manage changes. The children will have opportunities to visit the Year One classroom and to meet their new teacher. They will find out where they will put their stuff and use the toilet.

### Home Learning

#### **Literacy:**

Each week children will continue to bring home a practise reading book (at the phonics level that is appropriate for each child), and a sharing book which the children choose for themselves. There are also additional e-readers available on Phonics Bug Club. Daily reading for at least ten minutes is recommended.

#### **Maths:**

The children have access to online learning program 'Mathletics' to practise their maths skills.

#### **Additional Ideas for Home Learning (optional)**

- What do you use water for at home? Write a list.
- Where does your water come from? Draw a map. Find out about the water cycle.
- Make a photo story of washing the crockery, or brushing your teeth. Can you label them or write short captions?
- Have a go at planting your own seeds, either indoors or outdoors. Grow your own potatoes (from the pound shop) in a potato bag or bucket in the garden.
- Have a play around with bubbles. Can you blow a square bubble? What's the biggest bubble you can blow?
- Make your own healthy juices. Which was your favourite? Write the recipe.
- Find out about some of the weirdest creatures in the sea. Which is the biggest, the smallest, the strangest?
- Can you make your own aquarium or coral reef in a shoebox? Think carefully about what you put in. Can you explain why you have chosen them?
- Visit the library and find books about the sea and the creatures that live in it. Can you find both information books (non-fiction) and story books (fiction)?
- Play with different objects in the bath or paddling pool. Which float and which sink?
- Can you make an under the sea picture using only 2D shapes?
- Share music about the sea with your families and friends. Have a look at Cbeebies radio for ideas:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/search?q=the+sea>

