



Reception Class Topic News

Summer Term 2nd half 2018

Our topic for the next half term is called 'Who lives in a rock pool?'. We will explore lots of questions about the seashore and the plants and animals that live there.

Possible lines of enquiry include:

- seashore plants and animals
- features of a seashore
- water safety
- pollution

After the half term we will start the topic by finding out what the children already know and what they would like to find out. As always, our topic will be led by the children and their interests and ideas. However, the table below outlines some of the areas we will focus on each week and how you can help support your child at home. Please support your child where necessary and enjoy spending time carrying out these ideas, however allow them to be as independent as possible in completing tasks so we can gain a sense of their knowledge and understanding outside of the school environment. **Please note that these tasks are optional and are shared informally during the week.**

Focus	You can help at home by...
Monday 4 th June Trips to the seaside then and now	Thinking about things you already know about the seashore and what you might like to find out. Can you visit a beach over half term and bring something back to talk about? It could be a pebble, a shell, some driftwood or something else. We will use them to add to our beach 'interest table'.
Monday 11 th June Health & Well-being Week *Sports Day (Thurs)	Talking about different types of food. Using the plate provided, can you create a healthy meal and label it? Think about what foods are healthy and unhealthy and why.
Monday 18 th June Rock pool life	Can you find out two facts about your favourite sea creature? Where do they live? What do they eat? What do they look like?
Monday 25 th June Keeping our beaches clean	Why is it important to keep our beaches clean? What would happen if we don't? Can you find anything on a beach or coastal environment that shouldn't be there and bring it in and talk to the class about it?
Monday 2 nd July Something Fishy! *Move up day (Tues)	Thinking about what makes fish good swimmers. How do they move? How do they breathe? Can you draw and label a picture of a fish?
Monday 9 th July Pirates and Treasure	Talking about why maps might be important to pirates. Can you create your own treasure map to share with the class? Treasure can be different for everyone. Perhaps you'd like to bring in a piece of your own treasure?



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Monday 16 th July Last week of Term	School finishes at 1:30pm on Friday 20 th July. HAPPY HOLIDAYS!
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Other information:

Class Trip - We have arranged a class trip to Newquay Aquarium on Monday 25th June for a 'Rock Pool Encounter' plus some time on Towan beach to do some rock pooling of our own. More details to follow shortly.

Independence - As we move into the final term of Reception, we would like to encourage all children to come into the classroom independently in preparation for next year. Please try say goodbye at the gate and allow them to come into school by themselves so they can practice hanging up their bag, choosing their own lunch and remembering to put reading books and homework in the right trays, or please stay within the cloakroom area. It might take them a little longer, but it really helps them to gain independence ready for Year 1. Thank you for your help and support with this.

Phonics & Reading - We are so pleased with the progress all the children are making with their reading and writing. We will continue to recap the sounds we already know and read and write these in longer and trickier words. Please continue to practise the sounds and tricky words at home. This, alongside regular home reading really does make a difference and helps your child to become a confident reader and writer.

Suncream and sunhats - We are now well into the summer term and the temperatures are starting to rise. Please ensure that your child has a named sun hat and bottle of suncream in their bags every day. Ideally, suncream should be applied before they come into school. If your child is still not confident in applying their own suncream, please encourage them to do this at home so they get lots of practice. We will always check to make sure they are adequately covered before sending them outside! Roll on creams are ideal for those who struggle to use sprays.

Thank you once again for your continued support. We are so proud of what the children have achieved and continue to achieve. They have a super attitude to learning and are preparing themselves brilliantly for life in Year 1. This is often the best (and busiest!) time of the school year, so keep a look out on the school website for up-to-date news of events and activities.

Have a lovely half-term.

Mrs Arthur, Miss Seviour and Mrs Schofield