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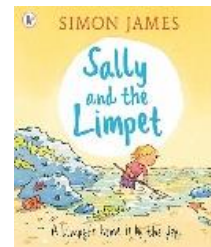
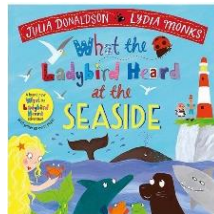
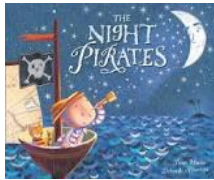
What do we know about water?

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you've had an enjoyable half term and are ready for the Term 6. We will be continuing our Water topic and after exploring under the sea last term, this term we are learning about things that happen above the water from pirates to lifeboats and events at the seaside.

We will be enjoying finding out about different roles linked to the sea and the stories we read. We will be thinking about the world around us, looking at maps, oceans and exploring blue planet and nature documentaries.

Our key texts this term will be:



Areas of Learning:

Literacy – In Literacy we will be writing our own stories, thinking about hearing, and using all the sounds we have learnt in phonics as well as developing our phase 4 knowledge. We will be reading and writing longer words using these skills. Alongside this we continue to develop our handwriting and thinking about letter placement and formation.

Maths – In Maths, we will be exploring money, using our knowledge of number to have a go at addition and subtraction challenges. We will also be exploring the 100 square and counting in different ways. We will be working on our counting skills beyond 20 and continuing our work on number bonds to 10.

In other areas of the EYFS, we will be making links with our seaside theme, looking at the people at the seaside who can help and other roles. We will be learning about the lives of pirates through stories and videos clips. We will also be exploring the world around us through walks, trips and visitors as well as looking at different artists such as 'Hokusai'.

Our Personal, Social and Emotional Development will begin to focus on our transition to Year 1 and we will be taking part in lots of activities which make us more familiar with the children in the class, as well as exploring our new surroundings and routines, ready for September. The key to a successful transition to Year 1 is when children feel that this will be a positive and exciting experience rather than a scary daunting one. We aim to fully support them in this process and more information about this will be sent out in term 6. If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to ask.

As part of the transition process, we will be doing forest school with Beech class. So please make sure your child has a forest school kit and wellies are in school on Thursdays. They can bring them in earlier in the week and keep them on their pegs.

We will also be having a 'pirates' day' themed curriculum day where the children can come into school dressed as pirates, sea animals, mermaids for a day filled with learning fun! More information to follow later in the term.

Home Learning

Reading - Letters and Sounds	<p>Please continue to read with your children at least three times a week. Please make sure this is noted down in the reading record so we can see how they are reading at home and how often.</p> <p>Below there is a list of tricky words that we would love you to practice with your children. One way of doing this is to put some on a post-it notes and stick it around the house then any time they walk past it they have to say the word. (3 or 4 per week then swap for new words.) This will help them become familiar words and make them less scary when they pop up in books.</p>
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Splashing Home Challenges!

If you want to further your learning at home, you might like to try one or more of these challenges:

- Can you visit the beach and collect some items? I wonder what art you could make with the items you find.
- Can you create your own pirate hat or mermaid crown?
- Can you go on a number hunt or set one up for your family?
- Can you run a science experiment about floating and sinking?

Websites and Links

- www.ictgames.co.uk and www.topmarks.co.uk for Literacy and Maths games.
- www.phonicsplay.co.uk Phase 3 and 4 games, blending sounds and words.
- www.mymaths.co.uk - Maths Games
- If you wish to make learning games to have fun at home, you can print from www.twinkl.co.uk and browse the EYFS Reception section.

Quick Reminders

- Please can you make sure your child brings in a **water bottle** and their **book bag** with their book each day. We swap books on a Monday, and they cannot swap their books unless they bring their book in. We have just ordered a lot of new books and we do not want to lose any!
- Homework books are due in on a **Thursday** and new homework comes home on a Friday.
- Our PE day is **Wednesday** but PE kits should be in all week.
- **Sunhats** are **essential** in the warmer weather when we are outside for longer periods of time. We are not permitted to apply sun cream to any child, so children must have it applied before they come to school.

Please also remember our **school trip** is on the first day back after half term **Tuesday 7th June**. Please remember packed lunches if you have said you are providing one.

Please do not hesitate to come and speak to us if you have any questions and thank you for your continued support,

Miss Boswell and Ms Eldridge

Tricky words

Phase 3

- Put
- Pull
- Full
- Has
- His
- Her
- Into
- She
- He
- Of
- We
- Me
- Be
- Was
- You
- They
- My
- By
- All
- Are
- Sure
- Pure

Phase 4

- Said
- So
- Have
- Like
- Some
- Come
- Love
- Do
- Were
- Here
- Little
- Says
- There
- When
- What
- One
- Out
- Today