

## Hedgehog Class Curriculum Letter

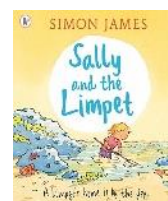
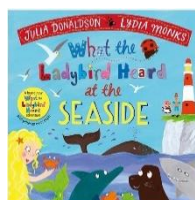
# 'Splash!'

## What do we know about things above the water? Pirates, Beaches and Boats!

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you've had an enjoyable half term and are ready for Term 6. Our Water topic is running over two terms and after exploring 'Under the Sea' last term, this term we are learning about things that happen above the water, such as pirates, lifeboats and events at the seaside.

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 know in our reading and our writing. We will be securing our knowledge of phase 3 and 4 sounds and words. Alongside this we will be developing our handwriting.

**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.

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 already, 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 experience and we aim to fully support them in this process. If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to ask.

We will also be having a 'Sea' themed curriculum day on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July, where the children can come into school dressed as pirates, sea animals, mermaids or any other sea-themed costumes for a day filled with learning fun! Further information will be shared closer to the event.

This term is also our turn for Forest School – Please can children bring in a forest school kit of a complete change of clothes, coat and welly boots to keep in school for the term. We will be doing forest school on Tuesday afternoons, please let me know if you are able to help out.

### Home Learning

Reading	Please continue to read with your child as often as possible. The children are really enjoying having their books for longer and adding expressions as they read. Don't forget you can also share their library and home books together. We would also encourage you to practice high frequency and tricky words routinely. If your child would like to challenge themselves can they also have a go at writing their tricky words.
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Writing	All of the children in Hedgehogs have been working really hard on their writing skills and can help you to write shopping lists, cards for loved ones and their own short stories. Do give your child every opportunity to immerse themselves in writing challenges. Allow them to write words that are phonetically plausible and try not to correct them too often! If you want any support with this, do let us know.
Maths	Please continue to encourage your child to count in a wide range of contexts, and even have a go at singing our number bonds songs.

### 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 practice your letter and number formation, focusing on starting the right place and going in the right direction?
- ✚ 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?

### Websites and Links

- [www.ictgames.co.uk](http://www.ictgames.co.uk) and [www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk) for Literacy and Maths games.
- [www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk) Phase 3, 4 and 5 games, blending sounds and words.
- [www.mymaths.co.uk](http://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](http://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 each day.
- Our PE day is Thursday and Friday 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.
- It is also useful in this unpredictable weather to have a rain coat in school or in their backpacks too!

Please do not hesitate to come and speak to us if necessary.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Whythe & Mrs Roberts