



Dear Woodlands Parents,



This term our topic is **"By the Seaside"** and we will be exploring oceans, beaches, sea creatures and pirate adventures through a range of exciting stories including *The Snail and the Whale*, *Tiddler* and *The Night Pirates*. In Literacy, the children will be developing their reading and comprehension skills through rhyming, tricky words and discussing fiction and non-fiction texts, while also writing postcards, letters, stories and fact files inspired by our seaside theme. To round up our topic we will be going on a trip to the beach! In Maths, we will continue building confidence with numbers through sharing and grouping amounts, recalling number facts, exploring odd and even numbers and using positional language and mapping skills.

Across the wider curriculum, we will be learning about ocean habitats, caring for the environment and how seas and oceans have changed over time. The children will also continue developing their creativity through art, music, role play and performances, while improving their communication, teamwork and physical skills through games, outdoor learning and collaborative activities. As we approach the end of Reception, we will also spend time reflecting on achievements and preparing for the exciting transition into Year 1.

<p><b>Reading</b></p>	<p>This term our topic is "<b>By the Seaside</b>" and we will be enjoying lots of exciting seaside-themed stories and non-fiction texts including <i>The Snail and the Whale</i>, <i>Tiddler</i>, <i>What the Ladybird Heard at the Seaside</i>, <i>Somebody Swallowed Stanley</i> and <i>The Night Pirates</i>, alongside learning from <i>The Big Book of Blue</i>. We will be learning to spot and create rhymes, recall tricky words and discuss the difference between fiction and non-fiction texts. In writing, the children will create postcards, letters, stories and fact files inspired by our seaside theme, while continuing to practise capital letters and using adjectives to describe settings and characters.</p>
<p><b>Maths</b></p>	<p>In Maths, we will continue developing our understanding of number through sharing and grouping amounts, exploring odd and even numbers and recalling number bonds and number facts. We will also practise doubling amounts and reciting numbers beyond 20. Through our visualise, build and map learning, children will create patterns, use positional language and explore simple maps linked to stories and real-life seaside locations.</p>

Helpful reminders:

- Please make sure your child brings in their phonics book each monday to be swapped over for the week ahead.

Please ensure your child has a spare pair of clothes clearly labelled in their bags. They have free access to the outdoors and the mud kitchen so may get wed/muddy.

Please make sure your child brings in a named water bottle and their bag each day.

- Please still bring a lightweight named coat. The weather is unfortunately still unpredictable and we've had some chilly/wet days where the children have needed coats but been without - feel free to leave one on their pegs!

- Our PE days are Thursday and Friday. Please ensure your child arrives in their PE kit and trainers.
- Should you have any queries about sessions (Rabbits), please email either [easthoathlyoffice@pioneerfederation.co.uk](mailto:easthoathlyoffice@pioneerfederation.co.uk) or [ehnursery@pioneerfederation.co.uk](mailto:ehnursery@pioneerfederation.co.uk).

### Forest School

Children will take part in two sessions per term and the dates for these will be put in each of the school newsletters. For forest school sessions we advise that the children have the following in a named bag:

- A pair of wellington boots (These can be kept at school all year round)
- A pair of leggings or trousers
- A long sleeved top
- A jumper/ fleece
- A pair of socks
- A waterproof jacket/ coat
- Waterproof trousers or overalls (if you have them)
- Hat, scarf, gloves for the winter months
- Hat and sun cream for summer months

### Home learning:

If you wish to support your child with their learning at home, here are a few useful links which may help.

<https://www.littlewandle.org.uk/resources/for-parents/> - Little Wandle phonics pronunciation. This will ensure you are teaching your children how to say their sounds the correct way. This is essential to ensure their learning goes as smoothly as possible!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b08bzfnh/numberblocks?seriesId=b08bzfnh-structural-1-b08bzg8q> - Numberblocks videos. Series one and two of the number blocks will support your child with consolidation of the skills and lessons being taught in class. Please use these as a learning tool to base conversations with your child around to help deepen their understanding.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Miss Thornton and Miss Curryer.