

# 'By the seaside' – What happens in our oceans?

## Willows

### Term 6 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you've had an enjoyable half term and are ready for our final term in Reception, before moving to Year 1!

This term, we are going to enjoy a water-filled fun learning journey! We will be enjoying discovering more about the seaside, the importance of water, our precious oceans and how we can help to look after them. This term we are planning a trip to the beach (look out for a letter about this soon), as well as a fun-filled pirate day!

Our key texts this term include the following:



#### **Areas of Learning:**

**Literacy** – We will be continuing to focus on using high frequency words in our writing, as well as spelling words with more than one syllable. In addition, we will be writing our own stories based on the texts we are reading, as well as looking closely at the characters, settings and events of the stories we are sharing. Another skill we will develop is giving opinions and views about stories we have shared.

**Maths** – In Maths, we will be solving problems that apply all of the skills we have learnt so far. As well as this, we will be continuing to develop our knowledge of number, practising doubling and halving as well as grouping and sharing. We will also be learning to identify and build patterns.

In other areas of the EYFS, we will be making links with our water theme, such as learning about things that float and sink and why this happens. We will be discussing important issues, including why it is important to protect our oceans. Our Personal, Social and Emotional Development will begin to focus on our exciting transition to Year 1: 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.

## Home Learning

We would like to thank you all for your effort with last terms home learning tasks including reading with your children.

<b>Reading</b>	Willows' reading has come on so much. As you know, reading at home is one of the most important and impactful things you can do, so please continue to read with your child as often as you can, aiming for a minimum of 3x a week. This can be recorded on BoomReader.
<b>Writing</b>	Please help your child to form letters correctly as they write. Please encourage your child to write in every possible context – shopping lists, cards to family etc. It is important that they are encouraged to write in a phonetically plausible way (just as the word sounds) as this will enable them to be independent when writing.
<b>Maths</b>	Please encourage the children to count their toys when playing and try to write and use numbers when appropriate at home. Baking provides so many maths opportunities!

## Challenge!

We would LOVE to decorate our classroom with some creative projects from home this term. The children's challenge is to create a sea creature or a pirate ship that be hung from our classroom ceiling. Bonus points if the materials used are recycled!



## Quick Reminders

- Please make sure your child brings in a named water bottle and their book bags each day.
- The children are provided with a free fruit snack at school. If you wish to send a healthy snack in with your child, please do!
- Can the children please always have a coat in school, especially for wet and rainy days- we still play outside!
- As the weather gets warmer, please ensure that your child has a hat if the sun is shining brightly. We cannot apply sun lotion so please do ensure that this is done before they arrive at school.

We hope you all have a lovely final term supporting the children in their Early Years learning. Please do not hesitate to come and speak to us if necessary.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Seymour and Mrs Healy