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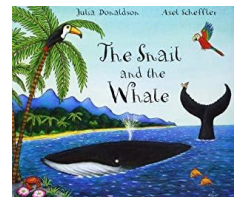
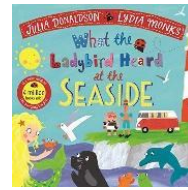
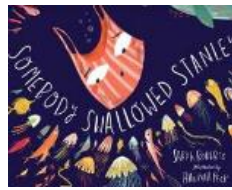
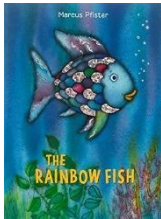
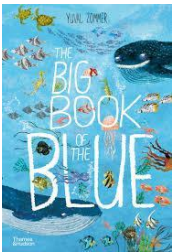
Willows Class Term 6

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 finding out about how essential water is, where it comes from, what we need it for and how we can look after our water sources. Our journey will include some pirate fun including a pirate day.

Our key texts this term will be:



Areas of Learning

Literacy

We will be continuing to focus on using high frequency words in our writing as well as spelling words with a wider range of phonemes and digraphs in. We will be writing longer and more complex sentences linked to the texts we are reading, as well as looking closely at the characters, settings and events of the stories we are sharing. We will be encouraging the children to share opinions and views about the stories we read.

Maths

We will be solving problems that apply all of the skills we have learnt so far. We will be practising doubling and halving and recognising and ordering 2-digit numbers. We will continue to develop of awareness of both 2D and 3D shapes.

In other areas of the EYFS, we will be making links with our water theme, such as learning about the abundance of life in the water and how we can care for and preserve our water and the creatures who live in it. We will be learning which stories are special and why and look forward to sharing our favourite stories with each other.

We 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 Chestnut Class already, as well as exploring our new surroundings and routines, ready for September. The key to a successful transition to Year 1 is helping children to 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.

Home Learning

We would like to thank you all for your effort with last terms home learning tasks including reading with your children. Please do continue to listen to your child read whenever possible. Regular tricky word revision makes a huge difference to fluency and gives the children a real confidence boost. Please also encourage them to write at every opportunity. We love celebrating home writing so please do send any examples in for us to share.

Splashing Home Challenges!

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

- Paint a picture or make a collage of an under the sea image. What can you see under the sea?
- Design your own pirate ship or pirate flag.
- Write your own pirate or sea character themed stories.
- Create your own amazing lunch and design a menu for your family. Take photos of your meal to share with your friends.
- Use Lego or another construction kit to build an amazing ship or boat.
- With an adult's help, find some objects around your house and test to see whether they float or sink when you put them in water. See if you can predict first what you think will happen and then see if you were right!



Pirate Day!

We will be having a Pirate Day this term where we dress up and take part in a variety of pirate themed activities. The provisional day for this is the 3rd of July but we will send out reminders closer to the time. The children are invited to dress up as pirates, sea creatures, sea enthusiasts or just come as themselves!

Quick Reminders

- Please can you make sure your child brings in a water bottle and their book bag each day. It is really helpful if the water bottle is full, with nice fresh water, when it arrives at school.
- 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 or know how to apply their own and this should be in their back packs, in a labelled bag. Please do explain to your child that this cream must not be shared.

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 you have any questions.

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Healy, Mrs May, Mrs Foot, Miss Caddick