

# Autumn Term in Ocean Class

A warm welcome back to everyone! We hope that you have had a lovely summer holiday. It's very exciting to have your children in our class, ready to learn and find out new things.

Here are a few things, which you may find useful in the coming weeks...

P.E will take place each TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY. Please ensure that your child has a full P.E kit in school.

Library day: Our library day is WEDNESDAY. Your child will bring home 2 books to share. Please return these the following Wednesday.

Reading days Your child will read every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Books will go home each Wednesday and need to be returned the following Monday, so that they can be used by other reading groups.

Homework: **Year 1** children will receive spellings to learn every MONDAY. Please help your child to learn these for a test the following MONDAY. Reading regularly at home. **Reception** Every week, your child will be learning 3/4 new letter sounds. Please help your child practise/consolidate these at home. A book will be sent home and updated each week with new sounds. Your child may know all/some or none of these to begin with.

We are happy for you to tick in the book, which sounds your child recognises)

-Home-school diary task each Friday

-Reading or being read to every day at home



## Music

We will begin by learning songs and rhymes with actions, followed by singing songs from our nativity after half term.

## Look at what we will be learning about...

### Computing

We will learn how to use a computer and explore basic skills, before moving onto Internet Safety - learning how to stay safe and be responsible online.

### Science

Our topic is all about ourselves and our bodies. We will look at growth, healthy lifestyles, hygiene and our senses. After the half term, we will investigate seasonal change.

### Design Technology

We will use junk modelling and learn new skills in woodwork to design and create homes, linking to our topic of "Where do we live?". These will be painted and evaluated by our peers.

### Geography

This term, we will be investigating the key question of "Where do we live?" with the use of various images, aerial photographs and Google Earth to explore our local area. We will go on a walk around the village of Bradley.

### ART

Our topic is 'Self Portraits'. We will explore different mediums, including wet felting, to create our own self-portraits, before moving onto looking at the work of Roy Lichtenstein and using his work as inspiration for our own pop-art masterpieces.

### PSHE/SRE

We will make links to our science topic of 'ourselves', exploring how we all grow and change over time. We will also explore how to stay safe and who can help us in different situations.

### History

We will be answering the key question of "How has transport changed over time?" with a focus on how the changes have impacted our lives today and learning about key historical figures.

### RE

We begin by exploring the topic of "Being Special" looking at where we belong; before moving onto "Special Times" exploring a variety of celebrations from different cultures.