



Dear Parents/Carers,

For the rest of this year, our whole school topic is called 'Under and Over the Sea'. We will be taking the children on a learning journey to discover the wonders 'Under and Over the Sea' in the past, present and future.

Below are the details of each year groups launch day, focus for the term and the books the children will be studying. Please take a look on our class blogs, Facebook and twitter for pictures and to keep up to date with our learning journey.

Foundation Stage

In Foundation 2 on the launch day, children were treated to a day at the seaside by building sandcastles, photos with seaside props, a bouncy castle and tasting seaside foods-cockles, crabs sticks, rock and ice cream. In Foundation 1 and 2, they will be focusing on Seaside traditions and under the sea. They will be using their knowledge of under the sea to create dances which they will be performing to their families. The children will be reading Sharing a shell by Julia Donaldson, A house of a Hermit crab by Eric Carle, Billy's bucket by Kes Gray, Barry the fish with fingers by Sue Hendra.

Key Stage 1

On the launch day, children in KS1 became mini pirates and took part in lots of water and treasure based activities. In science lessons, they will become green fingered and investigating all things green and then as they go on their journey to become Pirates and Mermaids for their end of term play, they will be travelling in time and becoming historians. We are hoping to take the children's learning outdoors with a trip to the beach. Within Power of Reading sessions the children will be reading How to find gold by Viviane Schwarz and The snail and the whale by Julia Donaldson.

Year 3 and 4

During the launch day, year 3 and 4, took part in a carousel of activities including ways to save water by completing a tooth brushing experiment, cracking codes and making pop up turtles.

In year 3 and 4, their learning journey will focus on the history and geographical location of Easter Island and developing their musical knowledge by learning Sea Shanties. Within Power of Reading sessions the year 3 children will be reading Oliver and the Seawigs by Phillip Reeve and Mousehole cat by Antonia Baker and Nicola Barley. In year 4, they will also be reading Oliver and the Seawigs and A boy and a bear in a boat by Dave Shelton.

Year 5 and 6

In year 5 and 6, the children also took part in a carousel of water based activities including ways to save water by completing a tooth brushing experiment, water relay and pirate ship making.

In year 5, the children will be starting their learning journey investigating water in the forms of rivers and where and how they are used around the world. Then they will be moving on to how water was used as part of the Slave Trade Triangle. Finally, year 5 will investigate global and climate change and the effects it has had and will have on us in the future.

In year 6, in preparation for their end of year production, children will be exploring Robert L Stevenson's Treasure Island. Within Power of Reading sessions both year 5 and 6 children will be reading Floodland by Marcus Sedgwick.

Family Homework

Your task is to either bring a photograph or draw/paint a picture of you by the sea. Please record your name and where you are. Any questions please don't hesitate to come and see Mrs Bray (Assistant Head teacher) after school. Please return homework as soon as it is completed to be displayed above our amazing family chests.