



Sea Turtle Class Newsletter Spring Term 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

The school year seems to be flying by and we are all so pleased with how well the children are doing in Sea Turtle class. There have been many 'wow' moments, individual achievements and memories made so far and we're excited for the new term and what's in store.

Tapestry

We still appreciate you using Tapestry to showcase your child's extracurricular activities and personal achievements at home. The children gain so much from this and all enjoy having the chance to talk about and share these moments with us at school. So, whether it is a special day out, a new achievement, some cooking at home, a family visit or anything else significant that you would like to share with us, please upload this to Tapestry. If you'd like some help or are unsure of how to do this, don't hesitate to get in touch.

Book of the week

Each week we will choose a fiction book as our 'Book of the Week'. This book will be used as a stimulus for lots of different learning opportunities across the week. Some activity ideas will come from the teachers but we're sure that most of the activity ideas will come from the children and we can't wait to explore these with them.



Our Learning

The following is a brief overview of the main teaching and learning that will happen this half term in Sea Turtle class.

Phonics: continuing with phase 3 graphemes and tricky words. Reading words and captions using skills taught in phonics. Identifying individual sounds within words when decoding (reading) and spelling. Developing their confidence in reading and their ability to tackle words without adult support.

Writing: Developing ideas for writing through various stimuli and for different purposes. Applying skills taught in phonics to their child initiated writing. Working with adults to talk through ideas for writing and developing skills in sentence construction. Promoting the use of capital letters and full stops.

Maths: The children will continue to develop a deep understanding of numbers, shape, measure and spatial thinking through whole class and group sessions and child- initiated activities. We will begin to explore number bonds and addition, time, pattern and measuring length and height.

Forest Schools: Our Friday outdoor learning sessions will continue this term, much to the delight of the children! Please ensure your child has wellies and warm/waterproof clothing each week so they can really make the most of their time outside.

PE: Dance (Tuesday) Children will develop their expressive movement through the topic of 'everyday life'. Children explore space and how to use space safely. They explore travelling movements, shapes and balances. Children choose their own actions in response to a stimulus. They are given the opportunity to copy, repeat and remember actions. They are introduced to counting to help them keep in time with the music. They perform to others and begin to provide simple feedback.

Ball Skills (Wednesday, alternate weeks) Children will develop their ball skills through the topic of 'minibeasts'. Children will develop fundamental ball skills such as rolling and receiving a ball, throwing to a target, bouncing and catching, dribbling with feet and kicking a ball. Children will be able to develop their fine and gross motor skills through a range of game play using a variety of equipment. Children will be given opportunities to work independently and with a partner.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter,
Kind regards,
Mrs Miller and Mrs Poynton