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Dear Parents and Carers,

We can't quite believe it, but the final half term of the year is upon us! We are very excited about our final topic.

Here are some **upcoming key dates** for your diary – more information will follow about these:

- ☆ We will be going on a trip to Filey beach on Wednesday 14th June.
- ☆ We will be having the opening of our Secret Garden on June 16th. We will be celebrating with an Afternoon Tea and parents are encouraged to come along to join the fun.
- ☆ The year 1 Phonics Screening Check will take place during the week commencing 12th June.
- ☆ We have sports day on the 11th July.
- ☆ Parent Workshops will continue with Mrs Patterson on Monday afternoons at 2:40pm.
- ☆ The children will be finding out who their teacher will be for next year, and spending the day with them on the 6th July!

If you have any questions about your child's learning or wellbeing please speak to the class teachers, or for a longer appointment, please speak to the office to arrange a convenient time. We are always happy to help.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Miss Grimshaw

Miss Anyan

Mrs Patterson



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This term our topic is:



This is a history and geography focused topic.

In **Geography** the children will learn about the features of the seaside, such as cliffs and bays. We will recap physical features and human features (man-made places such a shops) and we will compare the geography of the seaside with that of our local area.

In **History**, we will be learning about the changes in how people use the seaside over time. We will look at some artefacts such as beach toys and swimming costumes from the past and we will compare them with items used today.

In **Art** we will be completing a Big Art project in which Year 1 will be using different materials and techniques to create an Under the Sea landscape.



Maths

In Maths we will be solving one step problems involving multiplication and Division by calculating the answer by using concrete objects, such as counters, bears and figures as well as pictorial representation.

We will also be working on subtraction as a 'difference' between two amounts, for example what is the difference between 17 and 10?

The children will be sorting objects according to shape as well as recognising and creating repeating patterns in number, object and shape.

We will also cover time recalling days of the week, months of the year and seasons.

The Maths and English Learning for the week is covered in Mrs Patterson's workshop, so if you can, please drop in on Mondays at 2.40pm. Information sheets are sent home if you cannot make it.



English

We will be focussing on developing our reading skills and using the books we read to help us with ideas and sentence structure in writing.

Our first text will be a poetry book – Commotion in the ocean! We will enjoy learning about different sea creatures by reading the different poems. The children will then practise using adjectives, nouns and verbs to write their own sea life poetry.

We will also continue to look at the structure of non-fiction texts, to support the children to write a recount of their trip to Filey beach.

This half term the children will take the national Year 1 phonics assessment. The children will read words, to check how well they are sounding out and blending the sounds in words to read them. Please continue to support your child with this by listening to them read their books to you three times a week, as well as asking them to read signs when you are out and about.

s sat	t tap	p pan	n nose	m mat	a ant	e egg	i ink	o otter
g goat	d dog	ck click	r run	h hat	u up	ai rain	ee knee	igh light
b bus	f farm	l lolly	j jam	v van	oa boat	oo cook	oo boat	ar star
w wash	x axe	y yell	z zap	qu quill	or fork	ur burn	ow now	oi boil
ch chin	sh ship	th think	th the	ng sing	ear near	air stair	ure sure	er writer

Reminders:

- ☆ Please ensure that **all** of your child's belongings are labelled. This includes coats, pumps, and lunch bags. If your child has lost something, please come and check the lost property box.
- ☆ Children need their P.E. kits in school **at all times**.
- ☆ Please bring planners and reading books in **every day**. Books will be changed once a week, provided that they have read at home and it has been recorded in their planner.
- ☆ We ask that you record this reading in your child's planner at least three times each week.
- ☆ Homework will be given out on a Friday and should be completed and returned the following Tuesday.
- ☆ All KS1 children are entitled to a universal free lunch, however milk should be paid for on a termly basis.

