



## Welcome Back! Half Term Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope this message finds you well and eager for the exciting half term ahead! We have a lot of plans leading up to the end of the school year, and we can't wait to share it with you.

### **Our Topic: Oh I do like to be beside the seaside**

For the next half term, our focus will revolve around the themes of Pirates and the seaside. We're diving into stories like "Pirates Love Underpants" and finding out about the seaside in the past by exploring non-fiction texts.

### **Literacy Learning: Retelling Stories**

In literacy, we'll be immersing ourselves in the enchanting world of storytelling. We'll delve into the adventures of Pirates, examining characters, settings, and plotlines. Our goal is to help your child develop their storytelling skills and confidently retell these beloved tales in their own words.

### **Mathematics Exploration: Number Bonds to 10**

In mathematics, we're focusing on the foundational concept of number bonds to 10 and beyond. Through hands-on activities and interactive exercises, students will explore different ways of making numbers up to 10, understand positional language, and identify shapes with 3, 4, and 5 sides. We'll also emphasise counting on and back from different numbers, laying the groundwork for deeper mathematical understanding.

### **Phonics and Reading: Phase 3 and Reading Practice**

We are consolidating graphemes and strengthening reading and spelling skills. Daily reading practice is essential, and we encourage you to engage your child with their home reader, explore their favourite books together, and practise tricky words and sounds.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DvOuc7cWXxc>

You can find additional resources and books on Oxford Owl. [https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/?view=image&query=&type=book&age\\_group=Age+4-5&level=&level\\_select=&book\\_type=&series=#](https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/?view=image&query=&type=book&age_group=Age+4-5&level=&level_select=&book_type=&series=#)

### **Important Reminders:**

- Please ensure your child has a named water bottle with water (no juice) and a labelled coat daily for outdoor activities.
- Snack money (£1 per week) is payable to the class teacher every Monday. Healthy snacks are encouraged, and if your child brings grapes, please ensure they are cut in half for safety.
- Sports Day is on Thursday, 17th July. 2pm-3pm in the Sports Hall.
- Pirate Day Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July (more information to follow)

### **Staff Members:**

Please feel free to speak to any of our dedicated staff members if you have any questions or concerns.

- Mrs. Whittaker (EYFS Lead)
- Mrs. Riley (Teacher)
- Mrs. Felton (Teaching Assistant)
- Miss Crewe (Teaching Assistant)
- Mrs. Cuff (Teaching Assistant - AM only)

We're excited for our learning opportunities ahead. Don't forget to check ClassDojo regularly for updates and insights into your child's progress and activities.

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership in your child's education journey.

Warm regards,

Mrs. Whittaker and Mrs. Riley

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