



School Newsletter 8

April 2016

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our April Newsletter. We now have parent representatives who are working to improve and cascade the communications that you receive. These are: Claire Knott (Nursery), Lucy Dundon, Nicola Stephenson, Laura Green (Red Base), Joanne Hartley, Vicky Fitzpatrick, Lauren Lancaster, Rebecca Richards (Y1), Amanda Hemmingway (Y2) and Melanie Watson (Y2). Please feel free to ask any of these parents if you want to check about anything that is happening in school.

Please visit our website regularly and click on the 'NEWS UPDATE' tab to see what you need to know for the week ahead, what events are coming up and our latest news. Our newsletter is designed to help you pick out the most important information you need to know. The first section gives you reminders of the things to do. Following this is further explanation of these events. The second section has information about other activities in school and the last section contains further information about the things that happen all the time. We hope this helps families to read as much or little as they want and still be able to find out about the most important things.

Your comments, as always, are welcomed and I would be happy to see you at any time if you want to catch me in the playground or call in at the office to make an appointment. If you do have any concerns or worries please have a word with your child's teacher as I know that they will do their best to help and to put your mind at rest.

Helen Stokes, (Headteacher).

Senior leadership team



Mrs Helen Stokes
Headteacher



Mrs Caryn Moffatt
Foundation Stage
Leader



Mrs Shelly Appleby
Key Stage 1 Leader



Mrs Helen Towers
Special Needs
Co-ordinator

This is the **School** version of the April Newsletter.

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F2: Red Base

Y1: Blue Base

Y2: Yellow and Green Base

To help you in seeing which items you may need to take action on a list is below:

Actions for you to take:

- Please pay for £12.07 for milk in the summer term and collect a receipt from the school office. Cheques should be made out to SCC
- Blue/Yellow/Green Base: Please help your child to do one homework activity each week and return this to school
- Please return the SEAL invitation at the end of this newsletter
- Please return the Maths workshop reply slip at the end of this newsletter
- Please join us in coming to school, between 18th and 29th April, on bikes and scooters during the Big Pedal fortnight
- Please join us for a free breakfast on Friday 22nd April between 8:15a.m. and 8:45a.m.
- If you would like to volunteer to help supervise the Year 2 children walking to and from Westfield for swimming on Mondays please speak to your child's classteacher.
- Check the school website for updates on current events (www.waterthorpeinfantschool.co.uk)
- Please register for School closure alerts at <https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/register-for-alerts.html>.
- Please return the slip at the end of the newsletter if you would like us to send newsletters to other family members/carers
- Even if you have completed Parentview previously please do log your views again for the school year 2015/2016

Items for action

Milk for Summer term 2016



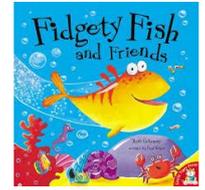
The cost of milk for this term, commencing 4th April through to July, is £12.07. Please pay this at the school office if your child would like milk. Children have to pay for milk from their 5th birthday unless they receive income based Free School Meals (FSM). Please ensure that you are given a receipt as this will act as proof of payment.

Cheques should be made payable to Sheffield City Council (SCC).

Free milk will continue to be provided to all children under the age of five or to those children who are in receipt of income based Free School Meals/FSM. If your child is five during the summer term please check at the office for the amount you need to pay.

- Please pay for £12.07 for milk in the summer term and collect a receipt from the school office. Cheques should be made out to SCC.

Homework for Blue, Yellow and Green Base



This half term's homework menu for our topic 'Fidgety Fish' is attached.

- Please help your child to do one homework activity each week and return this to school

SEAL Waterthorpe/Emmanuel Family workshops

Thank you to everyone who has been coming to our SEAL workshops. Our theme this half term is 'Relationships'.



The next workshop will be on Thursday 21st April at 9:15a.m. in the school hall. Parents and carers are invited to join their children and take part in activities around our SEAL theme. Children from Emmanuel Junior School and younger sisters and brothers are welcome to join in too. Please let us know if you would like Emmanuel children bringing through. A letter containing further information and a reply slip is attached to this newsletter and will be sent home with your child.

These are comments from the families who attended the last workshop on 'Relationships':

- "Really good games today. It was especially helpful to put the children in a situation straight away where they could use the skills we'd just discussed - the card match game."
- Today was perfect team work ~ time with just with parents and siblings was just right."
- "Very good, we really enjoyed playing the game today."
- "We enjoyed playing the games and working together to solve problems."
- "We liked the practical games and problem solving."
- "My son enjoyed playing the games today and he loved making the Happy Family game."
- Fantastic workshop, a fun way to learn about relationships and team work and feelings."
- "My child enjoyed the drawing, colouring and cutting. I enjoyed the team activities, thank you."

- Please return the SEAL invitation at the end of this newsletter

Maths Family Workshop April 27th 2016 at 5:30p.m.

We are running a parent workshop on 27th April. This is for families of children in Foundation 2 and Key Stage 1 (Red/Blue/Yellow/Green Bases). At the workshop you will find out about how we teach maths. You will be able to take part in activities with your child. A letter containing further information and a reply slip is attached to this newsletter and will be sent home with your child.

- Please return the Maths workshop reply slip at the end of this newsletter

BIG pedal ~ 18th to 29th April 2016



Our school will be taking part in the Big Pedal again this year. This is where we count how many children and families have cycled or 'scooted' to school each day. The numbers are recorded on the Big Pedal website and schools compete to see who can collect the most journeys.

We are holding a Big Pedal Breakfast in the school hall on Friday 22nd April. If your child cycles, scoots or walks to school you are welcome to join us for a free breakfast between 8:15a.m. and 8:45a.m.

- Please join us in coming to school on bikes and scooters during the Big Pedal fortnight
- Please join us for a free breakfast on Friday 22nd April between 8:15a.m. and 8:45a.m.

Westfield Partnership Games, Tuesday 26th April 2015 at the English Institute of Sport 9.15a.m.

Mrs Robertson's class have been invited to take part in the Westfield Partnership Games. This event is based on the Olympics and will be run by the sports leaders from Westfield Secondary school at the English Institute of Sport.

Mrs Robertson's class will need to arrive at school at **8.15a.m.** as we will be travelling by coach to this event. The children will also be allowed to come to school on this day wearing t shirt, shorts/ or tracksuit bottoms and trainers.

We will be returning to school for around 12.30p.m. so children will need to bring a **packed lunch** on this day. We are able to fund this event free of charge using our Sports Premium Funding.

A letter has been sent out separately. Please return the reply slip by 20th April.

- Mrs Robertson's Class: return the reply slip for the Partnership Games

Request for spare clothes

We are really short of spare clothes for children and would welcome any donations. We particularly need:

- Boys trousers
- Cardigans
- Tights
- Socks and pants
- PE pumps

Items for information:

Change to New Meals Menu

There will be a change to the 'Week One' menu (which we have just had this week) starting from week beginning 25th April 2016.

Friday's hot dinner will now be 'Fish Fingers and Chips and tomato sauce'.



Date changes:

Please note that the PE family workshop has changed from Friday 13th to Wednesday 11th May at 1:30p.m. This is due to the availability of a coach to run some activities for families to take part in. Further details will be sent out nearer the date.

Asda:

A big thanks to everyone who posted their tokens in the box for our school at Asda. We have just received a cheque for £50.



Arrangements for moving to a new class in September

On 17th June 2016 we will be able to tell you who will be your child's classteacher next year. Over the summer term teachers/teaching Assistants will visit children in their classrooms and all children will take part in a **class swap on 6th July** where they will spend time in their new class with their new teacher.

Two booklets for Y2 children will be sent home shortly. These explain about the move to the Junior School and contains all the key dates that you need to know.

Sports Spotlight



Centre Of Excellence for PE and Sport Update:

Kathryn Mudge from South Yorkshire Sport has been into school this week to take some Press Photographs to celebrate our success of being the only school in Sheffield to achieve this award.

Sport Relief Mile:

We would just like to say a big thank you to all the children and staff for the fantastic support and participation in our Waterthorpe Sport Relief Mile. The children enjoyed a really energetic hour of exercise supported as always by our Westfield Secondary Sports leaders and their teacher Dave Millns.



We raised £89.90 for Sports Relief through your donations. Many thanks.

Year 1:

The children in Year 1 will have the opportunity this half term on Tuesday afternoons to work with Richard Mills, our Sports Coach. The focus for these sessions will be athletics skills linked to the Olympics in Rio during this summer.

PE Sport Workshop - Wednesday 11th May 2016- 1.30pm (Note date change from 13th May):

This will be a great opportunity to learn more about the benefit of PE and Sport please look out for more details of this workshop.

Y2 Swimming:

From 9th May to 11^h July we will be taking all Y2 children swimming on Monday afternoons. The swimming lessons will be at Westfield School and we will walk with the children to and from the pool. Please note that children will not be able to wear goggles. - A letter with details of the Swimming sessions for the children in Year 2 will be sent out shortly so please keep a look out for this.



We have had a lot of success from previous swimming sessions and many of our Y2 children have learnt to swim or improved skills through school swimming. Swimming at KS1 is not something that many children in Infants get chance to do at school but we are committed to improving this important life skill for our children.

- If you would like to volunteer to help supervise the Y2 children walking to and from Westfield for swimming on Mondays please speak to your child's classteacher.

Free Tennis Sessions:

Wimbledon is nearly upon us again with warm sunshine, strawberries and cream to look forward to. The link below gives you access to a **FREE** 6 week course for children age 5-8. All you have to do is put in your postcode and the website will show you venues that are participating in the scheme:

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/tennisforkids>

Thank you for your continued support within PE and Sport.
Mrs C Robertson

Easter Bonnet Parade

Our Easter Bonnets this year were wonderful! The winners were Ethan Woodward, Radoslaw Celt, Dominic Debski, Kiera Nixey, Eddie Hodson, Eliza Hewitt and Amelia Houlden. All winners received an Easter egg. Everyone who entered the competition received a crème egg. Thank you to everyone for the efforts put into making a bonnet.



After School Clubs

All summer clubs are now full. We have had over 150 applications for just over 100 places available in clubs so unfortunately we could not give out places for every club your child wanted to attend. All children who applied by the deadline have been given a place in at least one club.

Disability children's charity ~ Brainwave

We have been asked to forward information about Brainwave to families. Brainwave helps children living with disabilities and additional needs to achieve greater independence. The children have a range of diagnoses: autism, cerebral palsy, Down's syndrome, developmental delay and rare genetic disorders.

Brainwave is holding a **free event for parents and children** taking place in Doncaster, South Yorkshire on Tuesday, 26th July 2016 (2-3pm) at the Doncaster School for the Deaf. The purpose of the event is to discuss the Brainwave programme, and for families to have an opportunity to consider joining.

Brainwave runs children's therapy centres and clinics across the UK. There are currently five locations and Brainwave aspires to add further locations in future. There are 570 children on the Brainwave programme, and we have capacity for 750 at present. We have identified South Yorkshire as being underserved, hence our desire to increase awareness in the area.

The Brainwave programme is an enhancement to the standard medical provision. What is special about the programme is that the home-based therapy sessions are tailored to each individual child. In addition, the assessments are comprehensive and across a range of mainstream disciplines. The initial assessment, for example, takes two days. Reassessments take one full day. Each time a child is reassessed, the therapy programme is updated to build upon their achievements to date. The range of expertise Brainwave provides includes:

- Speech & Language Therapy
- Paediatric Physiotherapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Educational Therapy
- Sensory Integration
- Hydrotherapy

Here is a link to a brief video about the charity featuring our celebrity patron, the pop singer Olly Murs, and produced for us by the BBC.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A6pRTjyITfk>

RSVP is by email to: richardclarke@brainwave.org.uk

Term dates and holidays

We have now planned our INSET closure days for 2016/2017. You will find the full list of term dates at the end of the newsletter. These are also available on the website for your reference.



INSET Day 29th April: School will be closed on this day for School Improvement Planning. As May Day is the following Monday, this should allow families a long weekend for trips away and outings.

Attendance

All children with attendance above 95% are entered into our half termly attendance draw to win a prize. The winners for last half term are:

Freddie Thorpe and Victoria Garbacz



All children with attendance above 95% this half term received a certificate or a sticker in our attendance assembly.

Feedback from Humanities family Workshop:

"The activities were really good, a variety of ways to introduce map reading. My son's favourite was the treasure hunt activity"

"Great fun! Great ideas! Making a medieval map was our favourite."

"Good range of activities, we both enjoyed it. It was nice to do activities together."

"Liked the different activities. I had to adapt some to my daughter's abilities. Thank you. It may have been better to have allocated times for activities."

"This has been very enjoyable for both of us. My daughter thought the computer game was best."

"Nice time to spend doing geography activities, with my child, and learn about directions, how to get places, maps.... She enjoyed it and tried all the activities."

'STANDING' NEWS ITEMS (These are things that are included in every newsletter for your on-going information)

School Website

Please visit our website at www.waterthorpeinfantschool.co.uk

There is lots of useful information and links on the website and we continually update it. If there is anything that you would like to see on the website please let us know on the comment slip at the end of the newsletter.

We now have a 'News Update' tab on our website. This shares events coming up to give you an extra place to check dates and things happening in school. We aim to update this each week. We have also added a search engine that should enable you to more easily find information that you are looking for.

- Check the school website for updates on current events (www.waterthorpeinfantschool.co.uk)

Closure Alerts

In the event of bad weather or other major incident such as heating failure or a major water leak there are occasions when we have to close the school. We always try to avoid this but our first priority is the safety of the children and staff.

If a closure does become necessary we will send out a text using our Parentmail system. Sometimes parents do not receive texts in a timely manner for all sorts of reasons such as having an out of date phone number on the system, phones being switched off, busy airways or a failure of the texting system. It is advisable to have an alternative way of receiving emergency information.

Sheffield City Council have a closure alert system for informing families and staff when a school is closed. To receive these alerts you need to sign up. The instructions for this and the link to do so are below:

Click on or type this link into your browser:

<https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/register-for-alerts.html>.

You will need to register your email address and then can select the schools you want to receive alerts from. You need to go to Education - School Closures - Then look under primary/secondary/special educational needs to find your school. Click on the schools you wish to receive alerts from.

You can also select to receive alerts about a wide range of other subjects; just click on the boxes to select these.

Once registered you will receive an email if the school sends an alert to say that we are closing.

- Please register for School closure alerts at <https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/register-for-alerts.html>.

Lost Property and toys brought to school

We continue to get large amounts of lost property in our box each week. Often items have no names in so we are not able to return them to their owners. Please try and put your child's name on all their clothes and belongings and we will do our best to return them to you.



Please can we also ask that children do not bring in precious toys as things do sometimes get accidentally broken or lost. All toys should be small enough to fit into your child's drawer as space in class is limited. Thank you.

Parentmail

At our recent consultation meeting, about parental engagement, it was suggested that we get emails of grandparents and other carers of children to ensure that they get information about what is happening in school through newsletters. We were told that this would be really helpful where other carers/family members brought and collected children from school. If you would like any of your child's other carers to be included in Parentmail emails please can you let us have their name and email address.

- Please return the slip at the end of the newsletter if you would like us to send newsletters to other family members/carers

We need your opinion...!



Parent view is one of the ways OFSTED and school collect views about a variety of different aspects of school life. The website you need is:

www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk

- Even if you have completed Parentview previously please do log your views again for the school year 2015/2016

Recycling:

Takeback Ltd for Schools

We have recently registered with a recycling scheme to promote and encourage the recycling of used mobile phones, laser toner and inkjet cartridges. Please help us to promote recycling and also raise money for our school by bringing in any of the above used items. A box will be available in our reception for you to put your empty cartridges.



Clothing and textiles

Please use our red recycling bin in the playground for used clothes, shoes and textiles.

Tesco School Uniform

The Tesco website is available for uniform orders. You can access this through the following website link:

<http://www.clothingattesco.com/sheffield/waterthorpe-nursery-infant-school/inv/107064>



The school receives a 5% commission for any uniform sold. Any queries please do not hesitate to pop into the school office to discuss. Mrs Jones who works on Thursdays is our member of staff responsible for uniform. Leaflets about uniform from Tesco or School Trends are available in the entrance area.

We do still have a small amount of uniform stock in school.

Westfield Family of Schools



This can be found at www.westfieldfamily.org. There is lots of useful information on the website and links to each school's individual website. Please have a look. There is a link on our school website to the Family of Schools website.

Kid's Club

All bookings and payments for Kid's Club **must** be made in advance at the school office.



The Club is based in the Emmanuel Community rooms and we are open Monday - Friday 3pm - 6pm and cost just £7.50 per child per session. Our friendly team of experienced, fully qualified staff will collect your nursery or infant child from school and escort them to the club, junior children will make their own way to club through the main hall.

There are a variety of activities available for the children such as arts & crafts, dancing, snooker, dressing up, outdoor play, Wii Fit and events such as Kids Club's got Talent. We also plan special Christmas activities, such as crafts, Christmas DVDs and a party at the end of term.

We give the children a snack every day at club, which is a choice between a hot snack or cereal. Drinks and fruit are freely available.

If you require a place or would like to request a visit please arrange at Waterthorpe Nursery Infant School on 0114 2484943 or via the club landline on 0114 2473123.

Please Note: If you have booked your child into club please give 24 hours' notice for cancellation otherwise you will be charged.

Waterthorpe Kids Club Planning Diary Monday to Friday 3-6pm

The Environment

Monday 4 th April	Welcome back - catch up with your friends
Tuesday 5 th April	Painting plant pots
Wednesday 6 th April	Planting flowers
Thursday 7 th April	Kids Club garden
Friday 8 th April	Bug hunt

Monday 11 th April	Litter picking
Tuesday 12 th April	Nature walk
Wednesday 13 th April	Forest School - Bark rubbings
Thursday 14 th April	Taking photos of our environment
Friday 15 th April	Night at Waterthorpe Park

Being Safe

Monday 18 th April	Outdoor poster painting
Tuesday 19 th April	Outdoor play
Wednesday 20 th April	Free play
Thursday 21 st April	Outdoor exploring - Being safe
Friday 22 nd April	Night at Waterthorpe Park

Sports and Games

Monday 25 th April	Football
Tuesday 26 th April	Rounders
Wednesday 27 th April	Wheelie boards
Thursday 28 th April	Parachute games
Friday 29 th April	INSET Day - Kids Club closed

Monday 2 nd May	May Day Bank holiday - Kids Club closed
Tuesday 3 rd May	Obstacle course
Wednesday 4 th May	Table tennis
Thursday 5 th May	Basketball
Friday 6 th May	Free play

Art Week

Monday 9 th May	Drawing with Lewis
Tuesday 10 th May	Making banners
Wednesday 11 th May	Painting
Thursday 12 th May	Sewing
Friday 13 th May	Drawing with Lewis

Free Play

Monday 16 th - Thursday 19 th May	
Take part in your favourite activities	
Friday 20 th May	Pizza making

Have Fun In The Sun

Monday 23 rd May	Outdoor den building
Tuesday 24 th May	Creating a beach
Wednesday 25 th May	Snack outside in the sun
Thursday 26 th May - Friday 27 th May	Creating a beach

We hope you have a lovely half term holiday and we will see you on Tuesday 7th June! We are closed on Monday 6th June for the school INSET Day.

Breakfast Club

We offer childcare at our breakfast club from 7:55a.m. This includes a nutritional breakfast and a range of activities. The price of this is £3.50 per day. Children from nursery or school may attend; places must be booked in advance. (Some days become



full very quickly.) 24 hours notice must be given for cancellations, unless due to pupil illness, or you will be charged.

Stepping Stones Playgroup ~ Places for 2 year old children: Now opening on Thursdays

The Stepping Stones Playgroup, that runs in the community rooms, has places for children over 2 years old on Monday, Tuesday and, newly added, Thursday mornings 9a.m. to 11:30a.m. The cost is currently £9.25 per session, which includes a snack. If you would like more information, or to apply for a place, please call Diana on 0780 1349756 or Angela on 07787 518778. Stepping Stones are able to take children on the free 2 year FEL (Free Early Learning) places.

Note: Where families are not able to access their full 15 hours in Waterthorpe Nursery we can link with Stepping Stones to provide your child's free hours until spaces become available in Nursery.

Information about free places for 2 year olds can be found following this link:

<https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/education/information-for-parentscarers/care-support/childcare/parents/earlylearning/2-year-early-learning.html>

Waterthorpe Toddlers

Toddlers is held in the Community Rooms on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings between 9am and 11am. All parents and children aged 0 to 4 years are welcome to come along.



Payments at the office



The office can be very busy first thing in the morning. To avoid having to wait in a queue you may put payments in the black letter box on the wall near the main door. Please ensure all payments are in an envelope clearly labelled with child's name, class and what payment is for.

PE Kits

Please ensure that children have their PE kits and pumps in school. We have very limited spare ones and children without PE kits and pumps will not be able to join in the lesson.

Attached to this Newsletter:

- SEAL Family Workshop letter
- Maths Family Workshop letter
- Form for you to register a grandparent or other carer to receive the newsletter by email
- 2016/2017 Holiday dates
- Homework for Blue, Yellow and Green Base

Diary Dates 2015 ~ 2016

Apr	21 st	SEAL Family Workshop 9:15a.m. in hall ~ All school Families welcome
	22 nd	Free Family Bike-it/Walk-it Breakfast in hall between 8:15a.m. & 8:45a.m.
	26 th	Y1R to attend Institute of Sport for Partnership Games 8:15a.m.
	27 th	Maths Family Workshop 5:30p.m. ~ All school families welcome
	29 th	INSET DAY ~ School closed to children
May	2 nd	May Day Bank Holiday
	11 th	1:30p.m. PE Family workshop ~ All families welcome (Change of date from 13 th May)
	12 th	Class Assembly Blue Base 9:15a.m. in hall ~ families welcome
	19 th	Sponsored event
	26 th	Class Assembly Red Base 9:15a.m. in hall ~ families welcome
	27 th	Break up for Half term
June	6 th	INSET DAY ~ No children in school
	13 th	Arts Week
	17 th	Arts sharing assembly 9:15a.m. (No merit and birthday)
	21 st	SEAL Family Workshop 9:15a.m. in hall ~ All school Families welcome
	29 th	Technology Family Workshop 9:15a.m. in hall ~ All families welcome
July	5 th	Sports Morning
	6 th	Class Swap day for transition (Y2 to Emmanuel)
	7 th	Parent's evening: Individual consultations 3:15 p.m. to 7p.m
	11 th	Nursery Consultation Day ~ Nursery closed to children
	12 th	Y2 Leaver's performance for Families 9:15a.m. in hall
	13 th	End of year Awards assembly 9:15a.m. in hall (Families welcome)
	14 th	Y2 Fancy Dress Party 1:15p.m.
	15 th	Final Merit and Birthday Assembly
	19 th	Break up for Summer Holidays



Your feedback and comments:

Family SEAL

Workshop

Thursday 21st April

9:15a.m. to 10a.m.

Dear Parents/Carers

You are invited to the family SEAL workshop on the theme of 'Relationships' on Thursday 21st April at 9.15am - 10am in Waterthorpe Infant School hall. During this workshop you will be able to take part in an activity with your child.

Please return the slip below to confirm your attendance.

I will be attending the family SEAL workshop on Thursday 21st April.

Name

Childs/Children's Names.....

Classes

Number of younger children attending with you:.....

Maths Family Workshop

Wednesday 27th April 5:30p.m.



Dear parents, carers and families,

Please join us for our Maths Family Workshop on Wednesday 27th April at 5:30p.m. in the school hall. **This workshop is for families of children in school (Red, Blue, Yellow and Green bases).** Please bring your children to the workshop with you. Older and younger sisters and brothers are welcome to come along and join in too.

At the workshop you will find out how we teach Maths in school and you will be able to take part in some fun activities with your child.

You will be given a booklet that tells you about Maths at Waterthorpe.

The workshop will last for approximately 1 hour.

Please return the attached slip to let us know that you will be attending.



Maths Family workshop Wednesday 27th April at 5:30p.m.



Child/children's names & classes:.....

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Number of **other** children (brothers/sisters) attending the workshop with you:.....

Number of adults attending the workshop:.....

I will be attending the workshop on 27th April at 5:30p.m.

Signed:(parent/carer)

School Holiday Dates for 2016/17



Please find following the holiday dates for 2016/17:

Autumn Half Term 1

Term starts Thursday 1st September 2016 - Friday 21st October 2016

Half-term holiday Monday 24th October 2016 - Friday 28th October 2016

Autumn Half Term 2

Term starts Monday 31st October 2016 - Friday 16th December 2016

Christmas Holiday Monday 19th December 2016 - Monday 2nd January 2016

Spring Half Term 1

Term starts Tuesday 3rd January 2017 - Friday 17th February 2017

Half-term holiday Monday 20th February 2017 - Friday 24th February 2017

Spring Half Term 2

Term starts Monday 27th February 2017 - Friday 7th April 2017

Easter Holiday Monday 10th April 2017 - Friday 21st April 2017

Summer Half Term 1

Term starts Monday 24th April 2017 - Friday 26th May 2017

May Day Holiday Monday 1st May 2017

Spring Bank Holiday Monday 29th May 2017 - Friday 2nd June 2017

Summer Half Term 2

Monday 5th June 2017 - Tuesday 21st July 2017

INSET days will be:-

Thursday 1st September 2016

Friday 2nd September 2016

Monday 31st October 2016

Friday 7th April 2017

Monday 5th June 2017

Parentmail details for grandparents/other carers

Child's Name..... **Class**.....

Please add the following family members to Parentmail so that they receive a copy of the parent newsletter and other important information:

Name:.....

Relationship to child:.....

Email addresses:.....

Name:.....

Relationship to child:.....

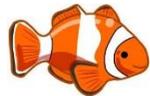
Email addresses:.....

Beginning Activity

Share some under the sea stories with someone. Stories with sea creatures or mermaids. You might prefer non-fiction texts about fish or sharks. The Library has lots you can borrow. Talk about your favourite books and characters. (Use these words to help you structure your sentences)

I think.....because.....

I like.....best.....because.....



Draw or paint a picture, make a model of your own under the sea scene.



Describe your under the sea world. (Use these words to help you talk and write about your work) *It is big/small (size) It is soft/hard/hot/cold (texture or properties) It feels/looks/sounds/smells.....because*

Developing Activity

Share some under the sea stories with someone. Stories with sea creatures or mermaids. You might prefer non-fiction texts about fish or sharks. The Library has lots you can borrow. Talk about your favourite books and characters. (Use these words to help you structure your sentences)

I think..... because.....

I agree/disagree because.....

I prefer.....because.....



Draw or paint a picture, make a model of your own under sea scene.



Describe your under the sea scene. (Use these words to help you talk and write about your work) *It is...and They are...and.... They are.....because (use adjectives to describe) It has cold, sparkling bubbles coming from inside a deep, black hole because this is where the huge, deadly crab sleeps.*

Challenge Activity

Share some under the sea stories with someone. Stories with sea creatures or mermaids. You might prefer non-fiction texts about fish or sharks. The Library has lots you can borrow. Talk about your favourite books and characters. (Use these words to help you structure your sentences)

I agree/disagree because.....

My opinion/view is.....because.....

I believe.....because.....



Draw or paint a picture, make a model of your own under sea scene.



Describe your under the sea scene. (Use these words to help you talk and write about your work) *This has.....and..... The..... is....and..... I feel because..... (Use adjectives to describe) The tiny, delicate fish has golden sparkling scales. This is an enormous, long eel that disappears into the white fluffy waves.*

Practise telling the time to the hour and half-past. Draw pictures to sequence events in chronological order e.g. getting dressed, brushing your teeth, making a sandwich. (Using these words to help structure your sentences.)

before and after, next, first, today, yesterday, tomorrow, morning, afternoon and evening.



Practise telling the time to five minutes, including quarter past/to the hour. Learn by heart the days of the week and how to spell them. Draw pictures to sequence events in your week.



Monday I go swimming.
Tuesday I play football.



Know the number of minutes in an hour and the number of hours in a day. Practise telling and writing the time to five minutes, including quarter past/to the hour. Draw pictures to sequence events in your day and draw the hands on a clock face to show these times.



Draw, paint or create different types of sea creatures and label them with their names and features, scales, teeth, fins, flippers.



Draw, paint or create groups of sea creatures sorted by their features, creatures with fins, creatures with legs, creatures with teeth. Label your groups and describe how they are different.



Draw, paint or create groups of sea creatures, sort into carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. Label your groups and describe how they are different.

