

Excalibur Primary School

Reception Newsletter

Summer 2nd



Dear Reception parents/carers,



A warm welcome back to our final half-term!

We hope that the children have refreshed their batteries and are ready for the launch of our final topic "Beside the Sea". A reminder that this term's letter replaces our usual weekly letters to bring us in line with the rest of the school.

Pirate adventures

We plan to spend the first part of the half term finding out about pirates. We will use a variety of pirate stories to help provide opportunities for reading and writing. These will include "Yo-Ho-Ho! A-Pirating We'll Go", "Captain Pike looks after the Baby" and "The Night Pirates". The children will discover facts about real pirates who roamed the seas. We will make treasure maps, create telescopes, and generate our own pirate stories.

The children were thrilled to see that the role-play area had been transformed into our very own pirate ship. They will be provided with a number of learning challenges whilst in character. We have also planned a pirate's party for the children to enjoy. We plan to have the party on **Wednesday 18th July** so both Mrs Rogers and I can join in with the fun!



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Seaside stories

Sports Day

It was a shame that our planned Sports Day was rained off before the break. Hope you will be able to join us for the rescheduled event on **Friday 22nd June**. A reminder that children will need to come to school in PE kit and should wear a t-shirt in their team colour.

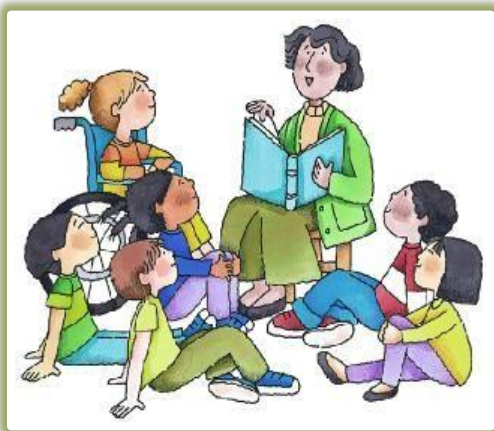


Seaside stories

The children will be finding out about the seaside and the creatures that live there. We will hear seaside stories including "Sharing a Shell", "The Singing Mermaid" and "The Little Mermaid" to help ignite their interest. The children will share their ideas about sun safety and the importance of keeping safe on the beach. They will also have the opportunity to paint sea creatures, record a message in a bottle, design and create sunglasses and explore and use money in a role-play souvenir shop.

Gardening

The Reception children will be doing some gardening activities over the last half term. They will be changing into their gardening clothes to avoid muddy uniforms. Please send in some old labelled clothes in a bag to leave at school if you haven't already done this. They will need an old top or t-shirt, and leggings, shorts or joggers. Any donations of seedlings, plants, seeds, garden decorations would be most welcome!



Transition

We have planned a number of opportunities to help the Reception children be more 'year one ready'. Miss Robinson will be popping in over the last half term to be a mystery reader. The Reception will visit the year one classroom to get to know where everything is. There will also be a 'Meet the Teacher' towards the end of the term so parents/carers will be able to meet Miss Robinson and ask questions they may have. The date for 'Meet the Teacher' is to be confirmed so look out for this on the school newsletter.

Please come and see us if you have any queries!

Let's hope the sun continues to shine,

*Mrs Cheadle, Mrs Rogers, Mrs Thompson
and Miss Lewington*