

# Windmill Primary School

Reception Curriculum Newsletter  
Summer 2 2017 Seasides, Pirates & Mermaids



Dear Parents/Carers,

Another fantastic term has ended – where does the time go? I cannot believe we are now entering our final term! What an amazing amount of learning that has gone on over the past few weeks with our Alive and Kicking Theme! Ask your children – from nature walks and mini beasts, to finding out about where our food comes from and farm animals, to the real life experience of hatching baby chicks, the learning has been incredible!

## **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

The children are really enjoying their newly found independence with lining up on the playground and coming in independently; what great confidence your children have! They are showing how grown up they are as we start preparing them for their transition into Year One.

## **Seasides, Pirates and Mermaids**



Our theme for Summer 2 is Seasides, Pirates and Mermaids. This theme will include lots of exciting adventures about pirates and mermaids, the seaside and sea and rock pool life. We will also be learning about beach safety, the weather and much, much more.

## **Communication Language and Literacy**

In English, the children will be continuing their Read, Write, Inc sessions where they are learning phonic sounds in order to help them progress with their reading and writing. The children really enjoy these lessons and it is such a great way to learn Phonics. As always regular practise of these and blending sounds together both in and out of school is essential. Your child will bring home a phonics pack daily (which should also be returned to school each day). Some children are also now bringing home reading books, which they should be able to read confidently. It would also be great if you could explore books with your child at home and talk about the texts you have shared. If we could ask that as much reading is happening at home as possible - as ever it doesn't matter what is being read as long as it is something that your child enjoys.

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## **Maths**

In maths, we will continue with our mastery approach. Therefore rather than focussing on moving up to higher numbers, we will consolidate our learning to 20 and all the different ways we can represent this. We will also be looking at shape space and measure, including position and distance. Consolidation of all mathematical skills taught this year is an important part of this final term.

## **Understanding the World/Expressive Arts and Design**

These areas of learning will be closely linked with our theme Seasides, Pirates and Mermaids. As previously mentioned, we will be focussing our learning on the sea, sea life, rock pool life and the weather. As always we will be starting off our theme with our Wow Days which prepare the children for a fun term of learning, and this term it will be based around pirates, maps and treasure hunts. The children will also be given opportunities to explore technology in school especially the iPads, and will include lots of other art activities.

## **Homework**

This term your child will continue to bring home their homework book. We would appreciate it if you could choose an activity to complete with your child each week to help them develop their core skills. Homework will be set on a Thursday and we ask for books to be returned on a Monday. Thank you.

## **Interactive Learning Diary**

Thank you to those of you that have signed up for the Interactive Learning Diary (ILD) and are already contributing towards it regularly! It is still not too late to do this. We love to look at what the children have been doing at home and this all goes towards building a great learning journey for your child's first year at school.

## **Stay and Play Sessions**

Next term we will be inviting you to our final Stay and Play sessions with your child. As you know we have hosted these termly and invite you in to see what your child is learning and allow your child to show you around their environment. We are sure you will agree these are a lot of fun! Watch this space as we will soon be announcing a date!

## **Key Dates: -please see attached sheet**

## **Hamerton zoo visit – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July.**

Thank you for your support. Have a super rest during the half term break and we look forward to seeing you in the summer term!

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Reception Team.