



Dates for your diary

Every Thursday is FOREST SCHOOL... to enable us to go to the forest we ask for parent helpers every week. If you are able to assist us any week, **please** let us know 😊.

Spring Term Open Afternoon:
22.03.23 - 2:30pm-3:15pm

Maths meeting for parents:
23.01.23 - 3:15pm-3:40pm

Maryport Aquarium school trip:
14.02.23 – during school time
(need parent helpers please!)

OUR TOPICS FOR THIS TERM ARE 'OCEAN EXPLORERS' AND 'STEP INTO SPRING'



Wishing you all a **very happy new year!** Our topic for the first half term is '**Ocean explorers**'. We will be exploring marine life, discussing marine pollution and how we can protect the environment. We will dive into a mini topic on pirates and look at pirate history in Whitehaven. Through this, we will explore maps and make our own and follow maps. We will explore sinking and floating and find out what materials sink and which float the best. The children will explore water transportation; submarines and boats. We will also have a visit from a local coastguard to discuss their role in the community.



After half term, our topic will be '**Step into Spring**'.



During this topic, we will learn all about the season Spring. We will talk about how the weather and environment changes; we will explore the lifecycle of a plant and the lifecycle of a frog by keeping our own tadpoles then releasing them. We will also explore Spring celebrations such as: Mother's Day, Holi Festival and Easter. We will visit a local farm and talk about what animals live on a farm and how they change during Spring.

In **maths** this term, we will be focussing on comparing numbers to 5; the composition of numbers to 5 and comparing mass and capacity!

In English this term, we will continue with our Read, Write, Inc (RWI) groups as well as re-telling stories using story maps. We will learn about finger spaces and full stops to help us with this too. Our traditional tale for the first half term will be Little Red Riding Hood and for the second half term it will be Jack and The Beanstalk.

Reading



Learning to read is all about practise!

Your child should be reading to an adult at home **every day!**

Please use the Home/School reading diary to let us know how your child's reading at home is going.



STRIVE FOR 5- If your child reads 5 times in a week at

home and there is evidence of this in their reading record, then they will receive a raffle ticket to enter the weekly '**Reading Raffle**' with the chance to win a book for home.

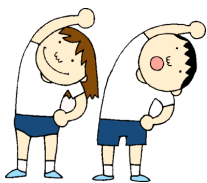
Our Library Day is **FRIDAY**. Please keep your library book in your bag so we can return and swap it when we go! You can visit the library and swap books outside of school time too 😊

Homework

On Wednesdays, the children will continue to receive homework on Seesaw. Please complete this during the week with your child - you can upload a picture of their work or send it into School. On Fridays, the children will continue to receive a RWI link to practice specific blending depending on their RWI group. The children will also receive a 'Maths message' at the end of the week to update you on our Maths learning from the week and how you can enhance this at home. Please let us know if you are struggling to log in or need your code again 😊. We will continue to keep a record of who is completing homework for our next parents' meetings.

PE

Please could children have their P.E kit in School every day



- this will go home every other Friday for a wash. PE kit for the Spring term should consist of shorts and T-shirt and jogging bottoms. Children can wear their School sweatshirt/hoodie if it is cold. Please could they also bring a pair of plimsolls/trainers suitable for outdoor games. **Our PE day will be a MONDAY and FRIDAY.**

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE

COULD ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING including SHOES, BE CLEARLY NAMED-
Thank you!

STREET TAG!

Street tag is an app that encourages families and communities to become more physically active and boost mental health. Our School has been a part of Street Tag since last year, however, since Receptions are new to this you probably do not have an account yet. Please see our Facebook for the Street Tag post for more information! Let's get Frizington Primary to Number 1 on the leader board!



FOREST SCHOOLS.

Forest schools will continue from **Thursday 12th January and continue each Thursday with the last Forest school this term on Thursday 16th February.** ON THURSDAYS, please send your child with waterproofs, wellies and an **old coat** in a bag. (If you can come along to help, please let us know!)

Snack money for Reception children this half term is £6.60. Please give this to Mrs Little at the main office in a clearly labelled envelope. This pays for baking ingredients and for snack foods in class and at forest school. Thank you.



Your child should have a NAMED water bottle, so that they can have a drink at other times throughout the day. Children will need to take this home every day to have the water refreshed.

How can you help?

Read stories about under the sea, discuss the animals, environment and transport at sea.

Look out of the window/go outside and talk about how the weather and seasons may be changing.

Talk about water pollution and how

we can help the sea.

Explore maps and talk about how we use them and why.

Any opportunities to use maths and numbers in a practical context at home is Super!

Support and encourage your child to have a go at writing simple words/ sentences using their letter knowledge and Fred Fingers.

Any additional blending opportunities using Fred talk will be beneficial for your child's learning!

Contribute to Seesaw activities and observations!

If anyone has any expertise, knowledge or artefacts that may support our learning, please do let us know. 😊



Don't forget to check the School's Facebook page, website and School Jotter app to keep up to date on what we have been doing and upcoming events, in addition to checking Seesaw regularly.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to come see us.

The EYFS team

