

RECEPTION NEWSLETTER SPRING TERM 2024



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. During this topic, we will explore maps, make our own and then try following the maps. We will explore sinking and floating and find out what materials sink and 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 February half term, our topic will be '**Step into Spring**'.



During this topic we will learn all about the seasons, especially 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 animals that 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 continue to 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.

Dates for your diary

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

Maryport Aquarium School trip:
07.02.24 – during school hours

Spring Term Open Afternoon:
18.03.24 - 2:45pm-3:15pm

Reading



Learning to read is all about practise!

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

Please use the yellow 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. We check reading records every week.

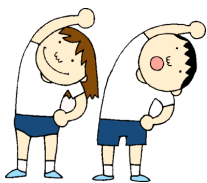
Our Library Day is **FRIDAY**. Please keep your library book in your bag so we can return and swap it when we go! You can visit the library and swap books outside of School time too 😊

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.

P.E

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



- this will go home every other Friday for a wash. P.E kit for the spring term, should consist of shorts and t-shirt, plus 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 FRIDAY.**

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



FOREST SCHOOLS.

Forest schools will continue from **Thursday 11th January and continue each Thursday with the last Forest school this term on Thursday 8th February.** ON THURSDAYS, please send your child in waterproofs, wellies and an **old coat** on as we go at gam. (If you can come along to help, please let us know!)

Snack money for Reception continues to be paid on the School hub (£5.60 this half-term).



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

