

Welcome back! We hope you enjoyed the half term break and are ready for the last term in Hedgehogs. This half term is longer, with lots of exciting learning to fit in. We have started our theme 'How can we sail the seven seas?', and throughout this theme the children will learn about sea-life, our oceans, Pirates and Mermaids. The children are very interested in sea life, ships and boats, pirates and mermaids. We will explore these ideas while taking them on a journey across the world from Africa to Australasia!

Literacy:

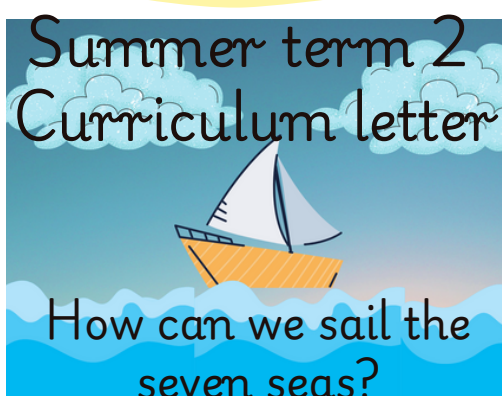
The children will continue to learn more digraphs and consolidate all the other sounds applying to reading and writing. We will use texts such as; 'The Singing Mermaid', 'Handa's Surprise', 'Shark in the Park' and 'Lost and Found.' We will focus on supporting the children to be able to write sentences ready for Year 1.

Maths:

We will focus on sharing and grouping quantities. We will revisit odd and even numbers and how to find doubles. In addition to this we will look at describing positions of objects and explore this further through mapping.

Personal Social and Emotional Development:

We will be learning about parts of our bodies, how to look after our bodies and keep clean. We will also discuss what it feels like to grow up and do some work to prepare for transition into Year 1.



Communication and Language:

We will try to hold conversations with our peers and teachers. The children will also work on joining phrases using words like because and so.

Physical development:

We will work on playing games with each other. We will also be getting ready for Sports day. We will practice our fine motor skills in pen disco by writing in our handwriting books again.

Expressive Arts and Design:

The children will be learning the skill of creating texture to make under the sea pictures. We will also see if we can improve our creations through evaluation. We will learn a range of songs about the sea ready to perform at the end of term.

Understanding the World:

The children will be learning about the oceans and their different names. We will bring this to life by linking our learning to the fun of Pirates and Mermaids. We will teach the children more about our planet and compare climates and environments.

You can continue to help your child by:

- Talking to them about what they are learning and sharing similar texts at home.
- Reinforcing the sounds they are learning at school.
- Reading daily.
- Practising common exception words.
- Giving them opportunities to apply maths in 'real-life' situations such as spending money at a shop.

Special days:

When it is your child's special day they will be the 'helping hands' for the day. They will also bring in their 'Under the sea' challenge to share with the class. It will also be your child's 'Focus Week' this week.

Week Beginning: 9th June

Monday: Eida
Tuesday: Ella
Wednesday: Elsie
Thursday: Esme
Friday: Harry

Upcoming Events/Reminders for this half term:

Friday 11th July - Transition day in Year 1. The children will come into Hedgehog class as usual and Mrs Burgess will walk them to Year 1. Please pick up from Hedgehog class at the end of the day.

Friday 18th July - Pirates and Mermaids day (more details to follow)

Friday 18th July - Hedgehogs graduation ceremony (more details to follow).

Reminders

- P.E will continue to be every Wednesday afternoon. Please make sure your child/children come in dressed in PE kit on this day.
- Forest school has now finished. Normal uniform on Fridays now please.
- If you would like to sign up as a secret reader this half term the sign up sheet will be on the fence outside Hedgehog class.

IMPORTANT

As mentioned above, in Personal, Social and Emotional development this half term the children will be learning about bodies. During this unit the children will learn the names of body parts such as penis and vulva. If you have any questions please contact us via the school office at: office@pinesprimary.org