

## Reception

Our final half term together, how time flies!

The theme for this half term is **Under the Sea**. Each week we will focus on a particular story linked to this theme and do activities based on this. Next week we will visit the **Blue Reef Aquarium** and seaside so the children get some hands on experience based on our theme. We are all so excited about our visit. There should be a great deal of interest and work produced from this amazing trip. The children will investigate floating and sinking too and hopefully make boats that will actually float (fingers crossed!).

Reception class assembly will be next week too (the pressure is on!) so please join us if you can.

This half term we will also participate in a whole school creative focus week and musical concerts.

In Mathematics we will continue the non-negotiable work. We will use the 100 square for counting on and back and look closely at number patterns. Number, shape and size problems will be set up linked to our under water theme. The children will continue to bring Maths games home every Monday which need to be returned on the Friday of the same week. These will stop by the last 2 weeks of term.

Physical Development continues every Wednesday morning; the focus will be throwing, catching, jumping and moving; some athletics skills in preparation for our sports day events. Please provide outdoor trainers (velcroed preferably) each week as we hope to do our sessions outside. Also please ensure your child has shorts or jogging bottoms and t-shirt.

On a Friday the children will continue to bring home a piece of handwriting/phonics homework which needs to be returned the following Tuesday please. We really need to focus on correct letter formation, phonics and sentence structure – capital letters, spaces and full stops. The children need to start putting all of these elements into their writing. Could you also encourage correct spelling of common high frequency and tricky words. Optional homework is available for extra sentence building practise and independent writing. Remember it is optional.

This is an extremely busy half term but a very important one too.

I have thoroughly enjoyed working with your children and watching them flourish. Thank you for all your continued support, I really do appreciate it. I hope your children have enjoyed it as much as I have.

Mrs C A Parker   Mrs J Aydeniz   Mrs J Fryer   Mrs A McNab   Mrs C Foster