



What's happening in Reception this half term?

Summer 1: Under the sea

We hope that you enjoyed the half term break and are ready for the final half term of the academic year! There will be lots of transition activities coming up this half term to prepare the children for their move to Year 1 including opportunities to meet with the Year 1 Teachers, and to spend some time with their new class; you will find out the name of your child's new class and Teacher on Wednesday 1st July after their transition morning!

Please note that we will be holding a **transition meeting for parents on Thursday 2nd July at 9am** which will be all about moving from Reception to Year 1 as this is the point at which the children finishing working within the Early Years Foundation Stage and move to Key Stage 1 and the beginnings of the National Curriculum.

Curriculum work

During this topic the children will be learning about life 'Under the sea'. We will be learning about creatures that we can find in our local seas, and comparing these with the sea creatures found in Australia in the Great Barrier Reef! We will also be thinking about protecting our oceans, and will be enjoying some lovely books such as 'Sharing a shell' and 'Rainbow Fish'.

What are we learning in English?

- To build up a sight vocabulary of the 'tricky' and decodable words that have been taught. Our Phase 4 tricky words are-

come some said do little were here so today there out love like says have love

- To learn and apply the sounds taught in phonics. We will be consolidating Phase 4 phonics which uses all sounds taught so far, and with a focus on CVC, CCVC and CVCC words.
- To use letter sounds to write simple words and make plausible attempts at more complex words.
- To write in sentences using knowledge of sounds and correct spellings of tricky words.
- To use simple connectives in our sentences, such as 'and' 'as' or 'because'.
- To continue to practise the correct formation of lower case and capital letters.
- To read simple sentences with fluency, noticing when the same word is repeated in the book and to remember the words that have already been sounded out. This helps the children to understand what is happening in the story.
- To answer simple questions about a story that has been read to them or that they have read for themselves.



What are we learning in Mathematics?

- To secure counting to 20 and beyond in 1's
- To solve simple problems and write and draw simple number sentences using knowledge of adding and taking away eg: there are 12 sea snails on this coral and 4 crawl away, how many are left? $12 - 4 =$
- To problem solve and use reasoning to describe our thinking

PSED and safety curriculum

This half term we will be learning about beach and water, and sun safety, including the following objectives-

Beach and water safety

- I know that I should not go in the water without an adult watching me.
- I know when it is safe to go into sea.

Sun safety

- I know that I need to wear sun cream in the sun to protect my skin.
- I know that I need to wear a sun hat and sunglasses in the sun to protect my face and eyes.

What can you do at home to help your child with their learning?

- Listen to your child read his/her reading scheme book and make a comment as often as you can- this should be a minimum of 5 times a week. Short regular sessions of up to about 10 minutes are best.
- Discuss the learning that they have completed around their new topic, such as about the creatures they would find in the seas nearby.
- Keep up the handwriting formation practise!
- Practise taking off jumpers and cardigans, putting them back the right way round, and putting them back on. With the warmer weather arriving many children are still struggling to remove their own layers of clothing! Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for our ever changing weather including a sun hat, and apply a long lasting sun cream in the morning as we are unable to do this for the children.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 1st July- Transition day- your child will spend the day in their new Year 1 class

Thursday 2nd July 9am- Moving from Reception to Year 1 transition meeting for parents


Thursday 9th July- End of year pupil reports sent home

Friday 10th July- INSET day

Monday 13th July- EYFS sports day 9-10am

Monday 13th July- drop in parent evening (only if you need to discuss your child's report)

Wednesday 22nd July- Last day of the year



Please look out for any 'wow moment' slips that we may send home. Your child's learning at home provides great evidence of what they can do and these notes get added to their learning journeys, so please do complete and return these when you receive them! This can be any area of learning, such as communication and language, reading, writing, mathematics, creative development, physical development or understanding of the world.

Name: _____		Date: _____	
We would love to hear about your child's learning at home. Tell us how great they have been!			
			
WOW! Moment at home			

Keeping in touch

If you have a query or need to talk to your child's class teacher please phone the school office and we will get back to you at a convenient time, or we can be contacted with non-urgent enquiries on the class email addresses below-

Mrs. Finch- owls@sholinginfantschool.org.uk

Mr. Steward/Mrs.Gheisari- hedgehogs@sholinginfantschool.org.uk

Miss. Hyde/ Mrs. Keel- rabbits@sholinginfantschool.org.uk

Please ask if you need any further information, or if there is anything else we can help you with. Thank you for your continued support!

The Reception Team xxx