



Minnows Newsletter – Spring Term 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the Spring Term. We hope that you have all enjoyed your Christmas break and are ready to start an exciting new term.

This term our Topic will be ***Ocean Explorers***. Up until half term, we will be learning about the Age of Exploration, focusing on Christopher Columbus, Vasco de Gama and Abel Tasman. We will be using a variety of sources to learn about such things as what life was like on the ships for explorers. To develop our chronological skills, we will be placing events during the period on a timeline. Additionally, we will look at the mistreatment of the indigenous people by many of the explorers at the time and discuss the unfairness of this.

After half term, our Humanities lessons will be focusing on Geography. We will develop our map skills by locating and learning about the world's five oceans.

Our Science unit is Living Things and their Habitats. We will look at how living things are suitable for their habitats and the difference between things that are dead, alive or have never been alive.

PE will be on a Monday and Thursday afternoon. Children will need to come to school in PE kit on these days.

Homework:

It is vital that children are reading every day at home (for about 15 minutes) and this should be logged in their reading record. This does not always need to be their school reading book but please ensure that you still sign the record. The reading records will be checked every Friday and we would expect to see a minimum of 4 adult signatures across the week. There is an incentive of an extra 10 minutes play time for this. Please include any relevant comments if necessary and we will respond where appropriate. **Reading books are changed on a Tuesday and Friday. Please ensure that your child's reading record and book is in school every day.** We will be sending out the next set of tricky words and common exception words shortly. Please practise these at home with your child.

If you have any questions or concerns, please see either of us on the playground before or after school. Alternatively, please contact the office if you would like to arrange a meeting.

Kindest Regards,

Miss Weetch
(Wednesday/Thursday/Friday)

Mrs Hatch
(Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday am)

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<i>Topic</i>	<i>Ocean Explorers</i>
English	Riddles Adventure Narrative Recount Historical Fiction Daily phonics and reading
Maths	Addition & Subtraction Place Value Measurement - Length & Height Measurement - Weight & Volume
Science	Living things and their habitats Plants
Geography	Oceans and Seas
RE	Special Words and Stories – Christianity: Bible/Lord's Prayer Judaism: Megillat Esther Sikhism: Guru Nanek/Holy Book
Computing	Data and Information Programming
Art	Ocean Creature Drawings
DT	Textiles Templates and Joining Techniques
PSHE	Keeping myself safe Rights and responsibilities
PE	Gymnastics Target Games
Music	Rhythm In The Way We Walk/ Banana Rap In The Groove