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Dear Parents/Carers

We hope you all had a wonderful Easter break and it's lovely to see the children so engaged and excited about this term, particularly after our visit to the Sea Life Centre which was a great start to our topic 'Under the Sea'.

As you are already aware from our email last week, the children will also be sitting their KS1 SATs before half term. We would like again, to reassure you that these are done in a very low-key way and just form part of our evidence for the progress your child has made throughout the year.



Detailed below are the curriculum areas we are covering this term and a few ideas of how you can help your child progress through homework and other activities.

Subject	Information	How you can help
English	<p>The children will be given the opportunity to explore different genre of texts linked to our topic with a particularly focus on poetry and non-fiction.</p> <p>In reading, children will be expected to use their skills for research, e.g. topic related facts. Guided reading will be an important feature of the morning, where children can practice their fluency, book talk and comprehension skills.</p>	<p>To help your child at home, please listen to your child read as much as possible and practise the spellings that are sent home each week. Book talk is vital, the more discussion about a book the better!</p> <p>Please note that we encourage the children to read a wide range of books, so reading any books that interest the children should be encouraged.</p>
Maths	<p>This term, we are consolidating all of our learning throughout the year and applying our skills into different contexts. We are also supporting the children in their fluency of number bonds and multiplication and division. The children will be given the opportunity to practice their skills through interesting problem solving activities.</p>	<p>Please engage your children in real life use of maths, such as counting 2p coins in a money box or sharing grapes between family members.</p> <p>Please also practise rapid recall of number bonds to 20, counting in 2's, 5's and 10's from any number.</p>
Science	<p>This term, we will begin looking at 'Animals, including humans' and focusing on their basic needs, food chains and healthy living. There will be a strong link between science and our topic this term.</p>	<p>Please encourage and discuss with your children how we can live a healthy lifestyle - focusing on eating a balanced diet, exercising, keeping clean and getting plenty of sleep.</p>
Topic	<p>Our topic this term is 'Under the Sea'. We have started the topic by looking at the world's seas and oceans and will be exploring the topic through English work too. The children will find out about different sea creatures and the different habitats within the oceans, e.g. coral reefs and artic waters. We will also be finding out about a famous explorer.</p> <p>There will also be a home learning project on this topic, detail to follow.</p>	<p>Discuss with your child their experiences of the seas and oceans, perhaps recalling holidays or beach visits, and the things that they have seen there.</p> <p>Encourage children to look at books about the ocean and sea creatures.</p>

Computers	We will be linking our computing work to all areas of the curriculum where possible. We will be using the internet to research and support our topic and science work as well as reinforcing E Safety during these lessons.	E-Safety continues to be very important and discussing with your child about how they can keep safe on line is very important.
PE	In PE, the children will be developing their skipping skills and preparing for sports day with a variety of athletics skills.	Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school on Mondays and Thursdays. It is important that children have pumps or trainers that fit and all kit must be named. Please could long hair be tied up and jewellery removed for these sessions.
RE	This term children will be thinking about the question; What does it mean to belong to a faith community? And also looking at the parable of The Lost Son.	
Art/DT	Art and DT are both linked to 'Under the Sea'. We will be creating sea art and looking at works of art that focus on the sea. In DT we will be making clay models and creating a healthy snack.	
Music	This term we will be exploring musical instruments and making links to our 'Under the Sea' topic wherever possible.	
PSHE	This term we will be learning about 'Making Choices for a Healthy Lifestyle'. We will make links to our Science topic and PE wherever possible.	Follow up at home would be appreciated. The children may have questions to ask at home relating to lessons.

Please do not hesitate to come and discuss any worries or concerns you or your child may have.

Homework is given out on Friday and is to be return by the following Wednesday at the latest. Reading books will continue to be changed on a Friday.

Mrs Sam Maffey and Mr Ed Shillitoe.