

# THE DREY CLASS NEWSLETTER

Dear Parent/Guardian

Welcome back to our final term this year. The summer term is packed full of fun and hopefully plenty of sunshine to accompany our new topic.

Below you will find details about what we will be covering this term and some ways in which you can help your child. Please do not hesitate to come in and see me if you have any questions or can offer any expertise.

Miss White

## Sail away!

Our topic this term is called 'Sail away' which began with the children walking into an underwater classroom which they have decorated with sea creatures and will continue to add to throughout the topic! We are working on learning the oceans and seas around the world, the different parts of boats and ships and also all about pirates. As a class we will compare the diverse ocean habitats and will be investigating coastal landscapes and landforms. We will be listening to and learning sea shanties in music. Most subjects and skills will be taught through this topic so that each lesson has a purpose and is meaningful in a context.

## Literacy

In Literacy our main text will be "Fergus Crane and his journey to the Emerald Sea" and we will be analyzing the language and techniques used to write the story. We will use this story to inspire some of our own writing and writing in response to the characters. We will be learning how to extend sentences with more than one clause by using a wider range of conjunctions. The children will be reading, writing and reciting pirate poems and building up to performing them. They will also be working towards writing a sea adventure story. This term the children should focus on joining their handwriting and the presentation of their work.

## Numeracy

This term we will be covering:

- **Number & Place Value** – finding 10 or 100 more or less than a given number.
- **Addition and Subtraction** – learning to solve addition and subtraction word problems.
- **Shape** – measuring the perimeter of a 2D shape.
- **Measures** – add and subtract amounts of money to give change using £ and p.
- **Handling Data** – interpret and present data using tables, pictograms and bar charts.
- **Time** – comparing the duration of events.
- **Multiplication and Division** – learning to use known multiplication facts to solve division questions.
- **Fractions** – adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator.

## Science

In Science we will be finding out about ocean food chains and the properties of materials. We will explain that the shape of some materials can be changed and use this knowledge to make boats in order to explore and investigate floating and sinking.

# P.E.

This term we will be having P.E. on a Tuesday every week with Mr Cherry. Every other Monday we will have gymnastics with Miss Richardson. However, please make sure kits are in school all week as I will also be teaching their maypole and country dances. They should have shorts and T-shirts for indoor sports and outdoor clothing including trainers. Please ensure everything in their P.E. kit is named.

# R.E.

We will be looking at Bible stories with a sea or water theme, for example Noah's Ark, Jonah and the Whale, Moses etc.

# I.C.T.

In I.C.T we will be putting programming commands into a sequence to achieve a specific outcome using Scratch. We will also be creating different effects with different technology tools.

# Reading

From 8.45 – 9.00am there is an opportunity to come into the classroom and share a book with your children. Please remind your children to be considerate when entering the classroom as it should be a calm and peaceful atmosphere for those reading quietly. There will be an opportunity for your children to read to an adult at school as often as possible, however it is also important that they also read at home at least once a week. Please sign their reading record when you have heard them read and encourage them to include their own feelings/responses to the books they have read.

# Art/D.T.

If your child does not have a painting apron or an old shirt to protect their school clothes, please can this be brought in as soon as possible and ensure it is clearly named. We will be producing artwork that reflects the colours and movement of the sea. The children will also create 3D ocean scene.

# Homework

The children have a creative learning task once a week this will be given out on a Friday to be handed in the following Wednesday. The children can present their work in a way which interests them; this can include work on the computer, drawings, photographs or 3D models. Please let me know if it was completed independently.

# Supporting your child's learning at home

Here are some suggested activities that you can do:

- Read a range of adventure stories linked to the sea.
- Explore a beach and search for shells.
- Help them to log onto 'Mathletics' but allow them to work independently and make mistakes which they can learn from.
- Make models of boats and ships and test them on water.
- Research ocean creatures, famous pirates, interesting landforms, sailor terminology.
- Watch films like 'Finding Nemo', "Shark tale" or sea life documentaries.
- Talk to them about journeys on boats or play pirate games.

## How can you help?

You are always welcome to come in and hear children read, you do not have to be available every week but you do need a DBS certificate. Please let me know if you are interested.

If you can, collect and bring in any objects from the ocean that the children can look at, e.g. shells.

If you have any knowledge, photographs or books on oceans and seas, please let me know.

I am always in need of plastic bags so if you have any lying around please can I have them?