# Year 1 CLASS LETTER Autumn 1 Term

Dear children and parents/carers,

Welcome back to the start of a new year.

I hope you all had a fantastic summer holiday.

This half term our topic theme will be 'seaside explorers' alongside our class text 'The Snail and the Whale' by Julia Donaldson. In English we will be consolidating and building on our writing skills from reception, we will be saying and practising our sentences verbally and then using our knowledge of letters to write the words in order. In maths we will be building on the learning from reception and learning to count accurately to 10, compare numbers to 10, add numbers to 10 including knowing number bonds to 10, count forwards and backwards and identify and describe 2d and 3d shapes.

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## **Seaside Explorers areas of learning**

# History: changes within living memory ~ change in national life

We will identify old and new from pictures, develop a simple awareness of the past and use simple words and phrases to describe the past.

## **Geography**

We will name and locate the four countries of United Kingdom and describe places using their key human features such as city, town, village, factory, farm, house, office, port, harbour and shop, and name places with similar characteristics to Rugby.

## Science- Animals including humans and seasonal changes,

Identify and name a variety of common animals such as fish, amphibians, reptiles and birds, identify and name a variety of common animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. Observe changes to the environment that happen in Autumn time.

# **Design Technology**

The children will describe what they want to do using pictures and words, make lists of materials, use scissors or a cutting tools to cut out, know how some moving objects work and join materials together.

#### RE

'Believing' - who is a Christian and what do they believe?

## <u>Music</u>

During the Autumn term we will be composing and performing using untuned instruments.

## Physical Education (PE) -

Gymnastics balancing and moving.

## Computing

During the first term the children will learn about online safety and ways to stay safe online.



**PE every Wednesday**, please come to school wearing your PE kit on this day.

**Spelling test every Friday,** spellings are in your child's communication book. The first spelling test will be on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September, each child has some 'tricky words' from reception to practise and learn.

Maths number bond stories every Friday, please remember to bring in your number bond card.

## **Dojo shop on a Friday**

**Show and tell on a Friday** ~ as our topic is exploring the sea could you bring in items that relate to the seaside, this might be shells, photographs or postcards.

Seaside afternoon Friday 10th September, on this day we will be making a manmade beach in the

ClassDojo

Remember to bring in your communication book and reading book daily. Also don't forget to check out our class messages on classdojo.