

### **Physical Development**

In our final term in Reception we will be taking part in Sports Day. This is the first opportunity for our children to be a part of their house team and they will compete with children from across the school against the other houses. They will be practising the skills they need for sports day in their PE sessions with Mr Croucher as this term they are focusing on athletics. In addition, we will continue to improve our scissor skills and refine our pencil control further.

### **Understanding of the World**

This half term we are focusing our attention on life in the sea and also on top of it! We will learn about the creatures who live in the very deepest part of the ocean, those on coral reefs and in rock pools. We would love to have a Pirate dressing up day too when we learn about some of the famous pirates from the 18<sup>th</sup> century later in the term. We will also be exploring the properties of salt water and investigating which materials float and sink. We will be using atlases and globes to research seas and oceans around the world and programming Beebots to find treasure!

### **Expressive Arts and Design**

As part of our sea topic we will be making pictures, collages and models of our favourite sea creatures using a variety of media and materials. We will be role playing as ships captains, pirates, submariners and under the sea explorers. We'll be learning some sea shanties and more about music through our school programme called Charanga.

## **Reception Newsletter**

### **Summer 2 2022**



Welcome back, for sadly our last half term with the children. We have enjoyed our year with them so much and we'll all be very sorry to see them move on. We are extremely proud of the huge amount of progress they have made since they walked through the door in September and we're sure you are too! This has been across the whole of our curriculum and it has prepared them well for their new adventures and challenges in Year 1.

Thank you all for the part you have played in their learning and development this year.

### **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

As we will be moving onto Year 1 after this term we will be focusing on transition and how to manage it successfully this term. In Jigsaw we will be thinking about the exciting times ahead and also reflecting on our brilliant year in Reception. The school value is Perseverance and we will be talking about how important this is as a learner. We will let you know nearer the time when our school transfer days are. This is when your child will get to spend the day with their new teachers and in their new classrooms. Information about new teachers etc. will be coming out soon!

### **Literacy**

We will continue to develop our reading skills in our phonics lessons and practice using this knowledge to write simple sentences too. We are encouraging the children to 'have a go' when they're writing and to use the sounds they already know to help them. They are also starting to use a capital letter at the beginning of a sentence, finger spaces between words and a full stop at the end. They are also trying very hard to sit their letters neatly on the lines when writing. Later in the term they will be finding out about a favourite sea creature and writing a fact file on it. We will be sharing lots of stories about the sea as well as non-fiction books about it which will help us to build our vocabulary around this exciting subject.

### **Mathematical Development**

In Maths we are focusing on the composition of the numbers to 10 in more detail as well as revisiting our number facts and skills regularly. These include subitising small amounts (identifying the amount without counting), doubles, odd and even numbers. We will also be counting in 2s and 10s and recapping the numbers from 11-20. We will look at 2D and 3D shapes again and develop our spatial reasoning skills further.