



# Class 2's Newsletter – Summer 2010

## Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back! I hope that you have all had a lovely Easter break. I can't believe that we are in the final term of the year, it has gone so quickly! I hope that you find this newsletter helpful and informative about what we shall be covering during our final term.

## Topic

Our new topics have been a great success so far this year and from talking to the children and looking at their work I can see that they have really enjoyed them so far! This term our new topic is 'On the Coast' and I know that the children are already looking forward to the activities that we planned together at the end of last term. We shall be exploring the importance and the history of lighthouses including the courageous story of Grace Darling. We shall also be comparing the seaside today to how it was in the past. Experimenting with sand to make sculptures and the strongest sandcastle! Planning and preparing a beach picnic and setting up an ice cream shop in which we can practice our money and problem solving skills! Although we are not able to go to the seaside for the day we have got a very exciting trip planned for later in the term which will enable the children to at least pretend they are at the seaside! There will also be the opportunity for the children to develop their own ideas and interests within the topic.

If you have any interesting information, books or seaside items that we could borrow that would help us learn more about our topic then please send them into school with your child.

**Also could you please send your child to school with a photograph of them at the seaside preferably on the beach if you have one? We shall be using these to compare our holidays to those in the past and also to make a class display.**

## Literacy

We will be looking at a range of different fiction and non-fiction texts, including stories by the same author such as the Lighthouse Keeper and the Rainbow Fish, explanation texts such as The Blue Whale and we shall also be looking at poems about the sea and the beach.

They will continue to develop their writing skills and shall be writing a variety of stories, explanation texts such as fact files and poems.

The children will also continue to follow the RML phonics scheme to build upon the progress they have made with their reading and spelling skills so far.

At the beginning of this term I will re-assess the children's spellings and they will be given a list of spellings from the key word spelling list (KW) according to their ability. We will test the children on their spellings every other week which gives them time to practice the words at home.

## Numeracy

The children will be using mental maths strategies to solve 'real life' problems that involve number, money and measures. They will be finding one half, one quarter and three quarters of shapes and sets of objects. They will also be revisiting multiplication, division and time.

To help your child at home you could help them to practice their 2, 10 and 5 times-tables.

**Science**

This term the children will be learning about plants and habitats. They will distinguish between plants and animals, label and name the parts of a plant and explore where different animals live.

**PE**

This term we are following a different format for PE called 'Leap for Life' - more details are enclosed on the attached sheet. Our PE days will be Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. We would normally have four sessions but the other session will be taken up by swimming on Tuesday.

**Homework and Reading**

Each Friday the children will be given a piece of Numeracy or Literacy homework which will be due in on a Monday. Please support your child and encourage them to complete it, as it is good preparation for Key stage 2. If for any reason you and your child can not complete the homework then do not hesitate to come and see me.

The children have been given reading books to read at home. Please put a comment in their reading record book after you have listened to them read. Your child will have the opportunity to change their book twice a week.

**Reminder**

I am very keen for the children to drink plenty of water during the day. Therefore I ask that each day your child brings a fresh bottle of water to keep on their desk to drink throughout the day. I hope you find this newsletter useful, but if you have any questions or queries which the newsletter does not answer, then please do not hesitate to come in and see me before or after school.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs L Ford