



Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you have all enjoyed the half term break and that the children are relaxed and ready to start this rather long half term! The emphasis during this half term will be on preparing the children for the transition they will make to Squirrel Class. There will now be more daily adult led activities but these will still take place both inside and outside.

#### Transition Meeting

Miss Mitchell and myself would like to invite you to a Transition Meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 2.30 pm where we will talk through how we approach the very important transition from a reception class to a year one class and what can be done at home to support the children during this transition time.

#### Show and Tell

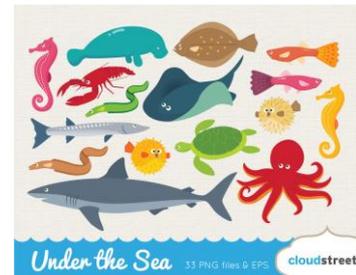
This half term for Show and Tell the focus will be story telling/writing a story. The children can use any characters and be as imaginative as they like! The theme is Under the Sea.

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June -Sophie, Seth, Sienna-Rose, Nicole**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June - Theo, Libby, Logan, Harvey**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June - Freya, Fearne, Archie, Adriana**

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July - Paige, Dylan, George-Henry**



#### Spellings

As part of our preparation for Year One, each week we will be looking at 2 tricky words and teaching the children how to read and write them. I would be grateful if you could also play some games using these words at home. A list is also attached of words that will help your child be a more independent writer if they can read and write them independently. It is also important for the children to know the letter names as well as the sounds they make so they can try alternatives when segmenting and blending during reading and writing. Please see the link below for a song to help with this.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5PmB3SIjNdQ&safe=active>

#### Handwriting

As the children are now more familiar with recognising the letters of the alphabet, the focus will now be on how to form them correctly. We will be encouraging them to whoosh in to each letter and think about where the letter is placed on a line. Inside the front of their pink home learning books is a copy of how the letters are formed and where they sit on a line. Alongside this we will be looking closely at how each child holds their pencil and encouraging them to hold it in a way that will help with neatness and fluency. Dough disco and wiggling wrists are activities that will promote finger strength and flexible wrists.

#### Reading

Please continue to read to and with your child on a regular basis as this will help build your child's confidence and ability to read with increasing fluency. Please encourage them to talk about what they have read, did they enjoy the book? Why? Was it funny? Why? Was it a fiction or non-fiction book etc. If they would like to do a little book review in their Home Learning book we would love to see it and share it with the class.



### Maths

Maths home learning sheets/problems solving will be placed in your child's pink Home Learning Book and I would be grateful if you could spend a short time on a regular basis looking at the activities/problems.

### Hedgy

Hedgy will be visiting again and the focus this half term is on the children helping him to read. They may take him out and show him words they can read, sign posts, street/house names, share books with him and tell him what is happening in the story and he would love it if your child could read a book to him. This may be their favourite book, a reading book or a book they have written for him!! They love to see what he has been up to on Tapestry.

### Topic

Our topic on Minibeasts has been very popular and this is continuing for a little longer and will develop into Our Wonderful World. I will see what the children are interested in but it may include what lives in water and how important water is to life. Caring for our planet is an important area to think about and we will continue to plant and grow things. I wonder how the beanstalks are? We would love to know if they have survived and how tall they may have grown! During the month of June we are also taking part in 30 Days Wild and the children will be involved in a daily 'random act of wildness.'

### PE

Can the children please keep their outdoor PE kits at school during the week as we will make the most of the good weather to practice for Sports Day.

### Library

We will continue to change library books on a Thursday.

### Tapestry

If you would like a copy of your child's Tapestry Learning Journal you can either download it yourself **after Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July (instructions to follow)** or you can bring in an empty memory stick so that I can download it for you. I would be grateful if I could have your memory sticks by **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July** as they do take a while to download.

I would like to invite you into the class on a Thursday morning from 8.45 to 9.05 where your child can show you what they have been learning during the week. There will also be opportunities for you to share a book/play a game etc with your child and perhaps a few of their friends.

Many thanks for all your help and continued support.

Miss Taylor