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Dear parents/guardians,

SPRING TERM 2023

I hope you all had a restful Christmas break, I am sure it is beginning to feel like a distant memory already. Thank you for all your good wishes, cards and gifts received by me and the Teaching Assistants at the end of term. Already, the children have settled into our new topic and have been working hard, sharing their knowledge.

Our topic this term is '**Life on the Ocean Waves**', which is the same as Year 2. Here is a brief outline of our areas of study for this topic and term:

- **Science:** The use and properties of everyday materials. We will continue with reviewing Seasons as the weather continues to change.
- **Geography:** Naming, locating and learning about the world's oceans; simple compass directions; name and location of the world's continents.
- **Design Technology:** Making ocean-themed resources using simple mechanisms like sliders and levers.
- **Art:** A range of art activities with an ocean theme. Comparing artists and their style; painting seascapes; making a clay 3D tile.
- **Religious Education:** Judaism 'Why do Jewish say so many prayers and blessings?'
Understanding Christianity: "Why does Easter matter to Christians?"
- **Computing:** Coding – using algorithms and technology outside of school.
- **Music:** How does music make the world a better place?- singing and comparing a variety of songs and learning to sing in many styles.
- **Physical Education:** Games/multiskills (sending and receiving) with Aspire coaches. Gymnastics – floor and apparatus.
- **French:** with Mrs Byers.
- **History:** Learning about Grace Darling and why she is famous; a timeline of boats/sea-faring.

In addition, maths and literacy lessons will be taught daily (linked to our topic work when appropriate). The children will continue with daily phonics lessons first thing and groups will be assessed regularly. Look out for a date in March to invite you into school to find out more information about the phonics screening due to take place week commencing 12th June 2023.

Homework: Reading and Spellings

Reading: Thank you for continuing to hear your children read at home it really is improving their confidence. Please continue to support their decoding and encourage fluency in their reading.

Spellings: The first spelling sheet is attached to this topic letter and subsequent sheets will be sent home every Friday and reviewed the following week. We will allow time for regular rehearsal in class to support the children's recognition of red words and spelling patterns. These will be sent via seesaw and any support you can offer at home will be greatly appreciated.

Phonics Club: In the second half of the term I will be inviting some children to a lunchtime club where we will play phonics games. I will send home a separate letter to advise you if your child is selected. It will be a fun way to support their phonics knowledge. It will run for around 20 minutes, day to be confirmed.

Class Trip

As yet we do not have a trip organised but I am trying to liaise with Selsey Life boat Station in order to synchronise dates so we can have a tour and find out about the support they offer.

I look forward to speaking to you at Parents Evening later in the term. If you need to see me before then, please don't hesitate to get in contact with me.

Yours sincerely,

Miss J Hurrion