



Head Teacher : Mrs D Reynolds - BSc Hons QTS NPQH

*Aim High*

*Never Give Up*

*Follow Your Dream*

*Lead By Example*



Dear Parents/Carers,

We look forward to the 1<sup>st</sup> Term of summer in Reception. Next term our topic is all about the journeys we have been on including those exciting ones to the seaside! To introduce this we will be having a Seaside afternoon on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2013**. The children are invited to bring shorts and t-shirts and flip flops or sandals and a towel to sunbath on!

### **INTEGRATED CURRICULUM**

Our topic next term will be **The Seaside!** Next half term's activities will focus on:

- Under the sea animals.
- Activities we do at the seaside.
- How we travel to the seaside.
- What a seaside used to be like.

As we also like to plan according to the children's interests, we welcome any suggestions from you, if your child has a particular hobby or interest that they would like to learn more about in school. We also plan to have a trip to a seaside resort at the end of the topic.

### **LEARNING SKILLS – Thinking Skills**

These are the 'I can...' statements we will be working on this term:

- I can describe in words something I have seen.
- I can recognise similarities and differences between things.
- I can draw a picture to record an event.
- I can describe what is happening in a picture.

### **PE**

PE will be on Mondays and Thursdays. PE will be covered in two one hour sessions each week. Please ensure your child has both indoor and outdoor kit in school with them all week. Children with long hair will need to have it tied back for safety reasons. Any earrings (studs only are allowed in school) will also have to be removed (by the child) or covered with a plaster (which must be supplied from home).

### **HOME LEARNING**

Each week your child will receive their Home learning logs with a short task to complete in it. This will be based on the theme they are learning about this term. It could include some writing, pictures and research found using the internet. This will be issued every Wednesday and is expected to be handed in every Tuesday. The children will then vote for how many house points should be awarded for each child's effort made towards the task.

## **READING**

As we progress throughout the year more and more of the class will be sent home with reading books. Please note that we do not send reading books home until the children are able to read simple sentences confidently and with understanding. Reading books will be changed every Friday. Therefore the children will have a whole week to become really confident with the book before having it changed. Please ensure that reading books and reading records are sent into school on Friday so that they can be changed.

## **LOST PROPERTY**

We've had a couple of items that have gone missing over the past half term. We'd like to take this opportunity to remind you that anything your child brings in to school must be named. Any toys from home need to be taken home by the adult bringing your child to school at the start of the school day.

## **HALF-TERM HOME LEARNING PROJECT**

The project is voluntary but is a good way to get all the family involved in the children's learning. The theme we will be covering is 'The Seaside' and could involve:

- Designing and writing postcards.
- Tourist information packs about a chosen seaside resort.
- Make a model of underwater creature.

The project needs to be completed and in school by **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2013**. Please be aware that **no** other toys or objects belonging to the children should be brought into school unless asked to by the teacher.

## **END OF THE DAY**

Please feel free to use this time to talk to us about any concerns you may have, however if you need more than a few minutes then you can always make an appointment for a more convenient time.

We hope that you and your child are looking forward to another exciting half term in Reception.

Miss Maitland  
Class Teacher

Miss Greenwood  
Teaching Assistant

Miss Lovell  
Teaching Assistant

Mrs Reynolds  
Head Teacher

