

# **Little Explorers Newsletter**

'We can and will succeed'

Staff in Class: Mrs Dipper and Mrs Smith

Message from the staff: We would like to welcome you back for our final half term this year. We hope you all had a good break and are ready to start a new half term.

We will continue to use Seesaw to document children's learning in EYFS. You will be able to see your child's learning at school, add your own observations and complete home learning activities.

Class Topic: Under the Sea!

We will be exploring the natural world and learning about sea creatures and the underwater world.

We will also be following the children's interests and supporting them to lead their own learning.



# Knowledge and Understanding of the World:

- Sea creatures and where they live.
- The seaside
- Our local area

## Maths:

We will continue to work on numbers to 5 including recognising and counting groups.

We will also be learning about measurement by comparing objects to see which is the longest/shortest and heaviest/lightest.

We sing number songs every week and have a weekly song which we know well.

# English:

**Books including:** Commotion in the Ocean, Clumsy Crab, The Snail and the Whale, Teddy Bear's Picnic, We're Going on a Picnic, Toddle Waddle, Sharing a Shell.

We are developing our story listening skills at carpet time and are beginning to repeat familiar words or phrases from familiar stories.

<u>Mark Making:</u> We will continue to distinguish between the different marks we make and give meaning to them. For example, drawing a circle—"that's me!"

#### Physical Development:

Toilet training. We are working on the children clearly communicating their need for the toilet.

Helping with clothing (eg. putting on their own coat) Gross motor skills—outdoor play.

Fine motor skills development—showing control with tools and mark-making equipment.

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development Relationships:

Sharing with our friends

Developing friendships

Rules and routines

# Creative Development:

- ◆ Cutting and sticking to create a collage.
- ♦Painting sea creatures.
- ♦ Singing seaside songs
- Making pictures using natural materials.

#### How parents can help at home:

Please help your children with toilet training with encouragement to use the potty or toilet.

Support your child in becoming more independent—dressing themselves, feeding themselves etc.

Read books daily with your child and encourage them to retell the stories.

#### Days/Dates to remember:

We will continue to send all notifications and updates through the Family Seesaw app.

We break up for the Summer holidays on Friday 22nd July.

Wow Day—Teddy Bears Picnic. More information about this will be sent out nearer the time.