

Teaching Team

Mrs Johnson (Mon-Wed)
Mrs Donnelly (Thrs&Fri) but
we will also be supported
by...Mr Moloney, Mrs Smith
as well as Jillian and Andrea
in Preschool!

Alnwick Castle Class Newsletter - Summer 2

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to our last half term this year! We hope you have had a nice rest as we certainly have an extremely busy term ahead. We will be focussing on life 'Beside the Seaside' - we will have lots of outdoor learning opportunities including beach days. We will also be having some transition time to prepare for Year 1 and will keep you posted with all the key events and dates. As always we will continue to share our learning journey with you on Tapestry but please also remember the website also has lots of other useful information too.

www.hipsburn.northumberland.sch.uk

Reminders

Wednesday - Cricket - please come in PE kit

Thursday - PE - please come in PE kit

Friday - Library

Please bring water bottles everyday and keep reading books in book bags each day too so they are always available to read.

Don't forget to put your sun cream on before school each day and remember to have extra in school with a sun hat!

Areas of Learning

This half term we will be exploring life 'Beside the Seaside' to learn about the seaside, aquatic life and sea safety so we have some lovely links with our local environment! We will develop our understanding of our diverse world and use the children's own experiences to enrich their learning. We will obviously have more beach days but also hope to bring some rock pool fun to us too! We will then be finishing the term with a Seaside Eco project, thinking about how we can help look after the wonderful world around us, especially local to us and our school.

Through the half term we will develop our understanding of the world as well as inspire our imaginations and creativity to have fun with language and encourage our writing. We will be continuing with our daily Read Write Inc. phonics and we will recap Set 2 sounds, especially digraphs (when two letters make one sound) and trigraphs (when three letters make one sound), whilst continuing to develop skills in phoneme recognition and decoding words. Our Core books focus this term will be 'The Rainbow Fish', 'The Night Pirates' and 'The Snail and the Whale' to inspire our writing.

In Maths we will be continuing to apply the counting principles to 20 and Beyond (Building numbers beyond 10, Counting patterns beyond 10, adding and taking away) and look at recapping all the concepts we have covered through the year and do some focused work using our new mathematical equipment - the rekenreks!

Our seaside focus will provide lots of opportunities to inspire Expressive Arts and Design and Physical Development, as we create representations or get outdoors to explore, support and develop our outdoor learning environment. To support our Personal, Social and Emotional development, we will be thinking about feelings and relationships to help prepare us for transition to Year 1.