



## Seahorse Newsletter: Issue 3 Dec 2017



### Dear Parents

May we first take this chance to wish you a **very** Merry Christmas! We hope you have a lovely and restful holiday ☺ full of fun, cheer and laughter! I know I'm certainly ready to sit on the sofa, eat chocolate and sleep lots!



In term 3 we will begin our new topic 'Lighthouses and Lifeboats'. This topic will run into term 4 also. The unit will largely be based around the story 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' by David Armitage. In response to the story the children will make their own lighthouse models and will also design a picnic to transport from the mainland to the lighthouse. We will learn about the purpose and the history of lighthouses as well as learning about who Grace Darling was. In addition, we will talk about the role of life boats and their crew.



An overview of this term's learning can be found on the bottom of the newsletter.



### Maternity Cover & Transition

Throughout term 3 the children will have plenty of opportunities to meet Mrs Morris who will be taking over from me in Term 4. She is due to teach Seahorse Class on Tuesday afternoons and will also be popping in for some other sessions as well. This will really enable the children to prepare for the transition ahead and provide a smooth handover for Mrs Morris. I am confident they will absolutely love her!



### Notices

- The winter remains with us and the weather is **very** cold and wet, please ensure your child brings a coat to school each day even on those bright winter mornings!
- Please make sure your child's clothes, book bags and water bottles are clearly marked with their names.
- We will continue changing books flexibly so please let us know when books are ready to be changed and we will endeavor to change them promptly. (please note occasionally this doesn't happen on the same day, if so read a home book instead!)
- PE will be on a Wednesday (indoor) and a Friday (outdoor) this term. **Please** ensure children have shorts and t-shirts for gymnastics and an outdoor tracksuit for colder weather as we will go outside even when cold. Children should have a pair of plimsolls or trainers in school at all times.





History	Who was Grace Darling and why do we remember her?
Geography	Features of a coast line
DT	Winding up – Making a model lighthouse with working pulley system
Science	Materials and their properties – which materials would make a good lifeboat?
Art	Collage and Water colour – Seascapes
RE	Christianity - Jesus was a story teller (The Bible and Bible Stories)
PSHE	Relationships - Valuing difference - kindness/fairness; sharing and respecting opinions; recognising and respecting similarities and differences.
Music	In the Groove - singing and instrumental accompaniment
PE	Gymnastics – Balance Games – ball skills – 'Netball' (Team Theme Coach)
Computing	Finding images using the web Focus – Computer networks Using Web browser, Powerpoint



If you have any questions or issues you would like to discuss, we will be out on the playground after school. Alternatively, you can email or make an appointment to see me at a mutually convenient time.



We are really looking forward to 2018 and a happy and healthy new year. The next term will be busy and we plan on having lots of fun learning together!

**Miss Lucas and Mrs Eames**

