



Seahorse Newsletter: Issue 3 Dec 2018



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 we are certainly ready to sit on the sofa, eat chocolate and sleep lots!



Change to staffing in Seahorse Class



Last Friday we sadly said goodbye to Miss Humberson, who fully enjoyed working with the children throughout terms 1 and 2. We welcome back Mrs Harris who has returned from maternity leave and is really looking forward to teaching the children. Mrs Harris will be working Monday, Thursday and Friday and Mrs Whittall will be working on a Tuesday and Wednesday.



It is with heavy hearts that Seahorse Class have to say goodbye to Mrs Sutton (aka Betty O'Barley!) Mrs Sutton has been with the children since they started their school journey at Ryarsh so we know the children are going to miss her as much as we will. She has promised to keep in touch and I am sure will come back and visit us when she gets the chance. With the departure of Mrs Sutton we welcome to Seahorse class Mrs Green. She is very excited about becoming part of the Seahorse team.



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 basket 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.



Reading

This term saw 93% of the class achieve Give Me 5 at least twice, so a huge well done to all of those children and thank you for your support. As a treat due to the fact the children have read so much this term, they have enjoyed a cinema session watching a Christmas film. This terms winner of Give Me 5 was Grace. She had her name entered 6 times in the draw so had a high chance of winning, along with many other children. Well done Grace.



Please remember to keep up the reading. Little and often works really well and don't forget to enter it into the children's reading journal.





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 on a **Monday** and **Thursday** so please ensure books are always kept in book bags each day.



PE will be on a Monday (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 us at a mutually convenient time.



We are really looking forward to 2019 and a happy and healthy new year. The next term will be busy and we plan on having lots of fun learning together!



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