



**Seahorse Newsletter: Issue 3 Dec 2020**



**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!



Next term sees a few changes for Seahorse class, though we are hoping these will be seamless for the children. Mrs Watts will still be working with the children but it will be in a reduced capacity. Mrs Morris will be joining our school as the new Foundation and Key Stage 1 Leader and will be teaching the class alongside Mrs Harris. Mrs Watts will provide release time for Mrs Morris along with taking small groups of children to support them with their learning. Please see below for the days adults will be in class.



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM	Mrs Morris	Mrs Morris	Mrs Morris	Mrs Harris	Mrs Harris
PM	Mrs Morris	Mrs Watts	Mrs Watts	Mrs Harris	Mrs Harris



In term 3 we will begin our new topic 'Pirates and life by the sea'. This topic will run into term 4 also. This unit will be based on 'The Lighthouse Keeper's...' stories by David and Ronda Armitage. In response to the stories the children will make their own lighthouse models with a pulley system. They will learn about coastal features, looking at Dover as a case study in Geography. They will also create seascapes in art, experimenting with painting and colour mixing.

Please could you save any Pringles type tubes for us over the holidays and bring them in at the start of next term, as they make perfect model lighthouses!



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

\*\*\* On Friday February 12th we will be celebrating Chinese New Year. Please wear something red/gold or clothing linked to China if you have something (please don't buy anything specially). \*\*\*



**Reading**

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, even if they read a book from home rather than their school book one night.



From Term 3 we will be keeping a record of home reading and encourage children to 'Give me 5!' by reading (and have it written in their reading record) at least five times per week. At the end of term we will enter each child's name x the number of weeks they've managed to 'Give me 5' into a draw to win a book—there will also be





## 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 to change books on Mondays and Thursdays.



Geography	Features of a coast line—Dover and coasts
DT	Winding up – Making a model lighthouse with working pulley system
Science	Animals
Art	Collage and Water colour – Seascapes
RE	Who is a Christian and what do they believe?
PSHE	People who help us. Road safety, Water safety, RNLI, Fire safety
Music	In the Groove - singing and instrumental accompaniment
PE	Gymnastics – Balance—Wednesdays
Computing	Finding images using the web Focus – Computer networks Using Web browser, Powerpoint



- PE will be on a Wednesday and a Thursday 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 come to school wearing their PE kit.



If you have any questions or issues you would like to discuss, please email both Mrs Harris and Mrs Morris, although we are constantly in contact, things may get missed if we don't both receive emails. If we cannot solve the issue via email then we will be happy to arrange a phone or zoom call at a mutually convenient time.



We are really looking forward to 2021 and a happy and healthy new year. The next term will be busy and we plan on having lots of fun learning together!

## Merry Christmas from all in the Seahorse Team!

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