



## Class 1 Spring Term 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year to you all. We hope you have had a relaxing and fun time over the Christmas holidays and are all refreshed and raring to go for the new term!



During this term we will focus on the themes of 'How do we travel on the sea?' and 'What is it like to live in a castle?'

Through 'Personal, Social and Emotional Development', we will be learning about a Healthy Lifestyle through a range of stories, role play activities and 'small world' interactions in the learning areas. We will talk about 'Going for goals' and why it is 'Good to be me', encouraging a positive mindset.

'Communication and Language' opportunities will enable children to listen to and follow instructions with more than 2 steps. Ongoing opportunities to develop language skills and learn new vocabulary will be evident in the various role play areas, both indoors and outside.



Through 'Physical Development', children will continue to develop and master fine motor skills using a variety of objects and tools. Gross motor skills are developed during gymnastics and multi skills sessions in PE and at Forest School where we will be tackling new challenges and managing risks.

In 'Literacy', reading and writing opportunities are accessed all areas of learning which are developed through role play and their own interests. Throughout every day, they will be blending phonemes to read individually and in groups and segmenting words for spelling and writing for different purposes.

In 'Mathematics', children will be counting and comparing numbers, using money, and solving problems with addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. They will demonstrate their understanding of numbers by describing them using digits, pictures and objects. Learning areas indoors and outside will provide challenges and opportunities for 'Real Life' problem solving and they will develop specific vocabulary linked with 'measures.'



In 'Understanding the World', children will be asking questions about the daily life in a castle. They will also be asking questions about how we travel on water, different types of boats and where we can travel to on a boat. Making predictions and testing different types of material to see which is best to make a hat, boat and other objects will be linked to investigations indoors and outside.

In 'Expressive Arts and Design', children will be creating and making their own boat designs to see which float and sink and designing their own flags. They will make creative textured collages of the sea and create 'watery' music using various containers and water.

We look forward to a happy and challenging term. Remember we have an open door policy - please feel free to come in and see us at any time with any questions or to share news!

Mrs Hainsworth, Mrs Allen and Mr Clark

#### Reminders

- Book bags come in to school and home every day.
- Blue 'Home/School' Journals are shared with the class whenever children bring them into school - there is no set day for these!
- PE bags and water bottles: bring in on a Monday and are sent home on a Friday.
- 'Show and Tell' is on a Thursday.
- Forest School continues on a Tuesday and will take place in the Woodland or on the school grounds if the weather prevents us from using the Forest Site (or the minibus is unavailable). Come to school wearing Forest clothes and school shoes. Bring wellies and coats to change into after lunch.

