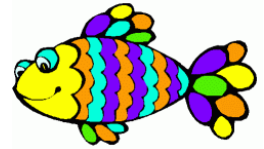


Under the Water

Last half term our children were so lucky to have visits from parents who are doctors, nurses, police officers and a radiographer. A BIG thank you from all of us. It made our learning a lot of fun.

This half term we will be learning through the topic of 'Under the Water'. We will start by looking at our school pond and progress to discovering animals that live in the world's oceans. We'd be grateful for any **shoe boxes** you could send in as we'd like to turn them into aquariums!



In Maths we will continue to practise addition and subtraction using our counting apparatus and number lines.

We will also be measuring the length and weight of different items. Perhaps at home your child could compare the length of their toys and order them?



Please ensure your child has their PE kit named and in school every day.

If your child wears earrings, please remove them prior to PE days (Thursday and Friday for both classes) or send micropore tape in so that we can cover them.



READING AT HOME

We are really pleased with how the children's reading and writing are progressing.

However, we are concerned that 42% of our reception children are reading less than 3 times each week with some are not reading at home at all.

This is the main thing you can help your child with at home and it will have a massive impact on their learning. A little bit of work now will reap rewards for the rest of your child's life.

We appreciate that it can be frustrating hearing a child read in the early stages; they might take ages to blend a word, then immediately forget it.

They might have read a word on one page and not recognise the same word on the next page. This is all normal and something we deal with every day.

We generally find that with practice, the children suddenly click with their reading and their confidence and enthusiasm improve massively.

There are lots of tips in the front page of your child's reading diary. The main things to note are:

- Sit somewhere quiet.
- Keep the time short and positive.
- Try to get into a routine of reading at the same time every day.

Thank you for your support.