



6<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Dear Parents,

We hope that you have had a lovely half term break.

We start our final half term in reception with a topic called 'The Deep Blue Sea'. As we aim to follow the children's interests, it always varies as to where this topic leads us, but we are starting off with a general watery theme by looking at a book on friendship called 'The Rainbow Fish.' This will enable us to think and talk about the importance of friendship and how to be a good friend to others. It is also a beautifully illustrated book which we hope will inspire lots of creativity. Please see the class page on the website for an overview of the objectives for the term.

In maths we will focus on deepening the children's understanding of how to compare quantities. We will be helping the children demonstrate these key skills:

- comparing groups of the same object with a big difference in number, and then a small difference
- comparing by looking, then by matching 1-to-1
- understanding when groups have an equal amount
- comparing groups of objects that are of different sizes, colours or attributes
- beginning to generalise about '1 more/1 less' within 10
- developing a sense of magnitude, e.g. knowing that 8 is a lot more than 2, but that 4 is only a little bit more than 2.

In phonics we are continuing to revise the sounds learnt so far and using those sounds in our writing. It is really important to read daily with your children as this practise helps with reading confidence and fluency.

We are collecting empty plastic water bottles so that the children can turn them into hanging fish models so we would be grateful if you could send any old plastic bottles in this week. We want to use this as an opportunity to discuss recycling and reusing plastic so only send in bottles that would otherwise have ended up in the recycling bin!

Now we are fully into the British summer...Please can we remind you to send your child to school with a coat, a hat and sun cream already applied. The children are outside for a large part of the day and we need to make sure they are protected whatever the weather!

Best wishes,

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