

20th July 2018

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Well what a year! I cannot believe that I am writing this on the last day of term - it has flown by! We have had great success as a school community and this has been recognised externally through our OFSTED inspection: OUTSTANDING!

Thank you for all your support and hard work throughout the year, it is so appreciated by us. In particular, thank you to all members of the PTA who have given up their time to plan and put on some fantastic events this year.

The children have had yet another brilliant term and I am sure you have enjoyed looking at their work with them in the last few days.

In our bid to go completely online, we are in the process for putting all key dates on our school website. This means you will know well ahead of time, when any PTA events, parent meetings or workshops that have been planned. We will try to stick to these dates as much as possible. Also if you haven't yet signed up, make sure you log in to your Parent Mail service, as we will be up and running for the new Academic year.

I hope you all have fun and relaxing summer holidays and look out for High Cliff in The Argus this weekend!

Yours sincerely,

Miss Kilgarriff

Message from the PTA

The PTA would like to say a huge thank you for your support this academic year. The most recent events the May Day Tea, Summer Fayre and Sports day combined has raised a total of £707.41! We will have a meeting with the school in September as to what the school would like to use the money for and we will keep you informed. If you wish to become a part of the PTA team, please speak to the office and they can put us in touch with you. We wish you all a great summer and look forward to seeing you all in September.

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Penguin News



Receptions Context: fun and friendship at the Seaside, where we live.

Firstly, a big thank you to every single Penguin for making the year full of amazing learning moments and making me very, very proud! I know they are all going to do fantastically in year one and I am looking forward to hearing all about it next year. We have been very busy this last term with lots of exciting work.

Mathematics

We have looked at weight and measure and the class loved getting hands on with water and weight challenges. We have also been condensing our number bonds and addition.

Literacy

“Sharing a shell” The class enjoyed this rhyming book, and we explored friendship, emotions and behaviour within the text and our own experiences. As well as discovering some exciting information about sea life creatures. We built up our writing skills through using adjectives to describe the characters and settings.

‘Songs and poems’: We explored a range of poems, including Haiku, acrostic and rhyming poems and the children enjoyed creating their own. When looking at songs “Yellow submarine” quickly became a favourite, and the class loved making up their own words to the tune.

‘This is England’: the class were inspired to create a class book “This is Newhaven” and worked hard on their illustrations. The book will take pride of place in the library for them to enjoy.

Phonics

We have been looking at two symbols one sound. ch, sh, th, wh, qu, ck.



Concentration and team work!



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Lobster & Dolphins News



The Year 1 context this half term was 'Coastal Living'. We have explored 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' and 'Flotsam' to support our learning in English.

English

The focus text in English this half term was 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch'. We looked at the vocabulary the author used to make it exciting for the reader. The children wrote the story of 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' using adventurous vocabulary and then read their writing back to the class. When reading their writing back, the children focussed on using expression.

Maths

In Maths we have continued to learn about money. The children have been adding different amounts together to find the total. We then moved on to learn about capacity. The children have been exploring the capacity of different sized containers. They have enjoyed making predictions and then testing to see if their prediction was correct. As well as this the children have been measuring length. They had great fun using meter sticks to measure how far they can throw a bean bag!

Context Learning

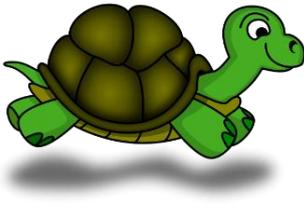
This half term, we have explored what it is like to live by the coast. The children have been using specific language such as; beach, cliff and coast. As well as this the children have been looking at the difference between human and physical features and have identified the different features in their local environment.

It has been a fantastic year teaching year 1. The children have all made amazing progress and have worked hard all year. Thank you for all of your help and support this year. We wish Dolphins and Lobsters all the best for year two. Have a lovely summer!

Miss Parks and Miss Mackie.



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Tiny Turtle News

This term we have been learning about Where We Live and our local environment, we have look at this through the book *Sharing a Shell* by Julia Donaldson and Lydia Monks.

We have been looking at different types of houses and talking in full sentences about our own homes. We have been looking at what makes up the town of Newhaven and local places that we visit and know, like the skate park, the swimming pool and the ferry. We have also been looking at what makes good friends and how we can help each other.

We have learnt the song *Yellow Submarine*, and looking at what sea animals we might see through the window of the submarine, we made some jelly fish mermaids and mermen. We have been using the shells to count and order from 1 to 10 or 20. We made little boats and had races to see which boat would make it to the finish line first. When looking at starfish, we use the language about texture to describe them, were they soft, hard, smooth or bumpy.

In PE we have been learning about running races and practising for sports day. We had a wonderful time at our sports day, where we took part in lots of different activities, and ran some races. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

Our phonics sessions, for those children moving to reception next year, have been a great success. They have built a great understanding of word building, how to segment words into sounds, manipulate those sounds and blend the sounds to read the words. There will be more workshops for parents in the new academic year, if you wish to have any further information on the Sounds Write approach to phonics.

When we come back in September, our context will be "Into the Woods", we have some fun and exciting ideas planned. I wonder who we will meet, and what we will discover in the woods?

We hope you have a fun and relaxing summer, and we look forward to seeing you all again in September.



Mrs Packham Miss Vine and Terrence



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Dates for your Diary

We now have all future calendar dates on the school website. Please have a look for new dates that are being added for the new school year.