



# Curriculum Newsletter

## Summer Term 2

### Butterflies Class



This half term our topic is 'Seaside'

This half term, we will start with finishing off our minibeast topic. We will release our butterflies and look at non-fiction books showing the butterfly life cycle. The second week of our term will be health and well-being week where we will look at how we can keep our bodies and minds healthy. We will then continue and finish the term with our new topic: the seaside!

**As readers**, we will be looking at books such as *Lucy and Tom at the Seaside*, *Sharing a shell*, *Tiddler*, *Commotion in the Ocean*, *Rainbow Fish*, *The Sea Saw*, *Billy's Bucket* and *The Storm Whale*. In our Talk for Writing, children will learning, acting out and reinventing the story of *The Enormous Treasure Chest*. In phonics, most children will be securing their knowledge of the set 1 sounds including special friends. We will be focusing on reading those sounds in longer words that have 3 and 4 sounds, including nonsense words. Some will also be learning some set sounds: ay, ee, igh, ow, oo (zoo) and oo (book).



**As Writers** we will continue to foster writing independently and with pleasure. We will continue working on applying our phonic knowledge to build simple words and to use our writing and mark making to communicate meaning. We will also be working on letter formation and writing the letters we have learned so far correctly in one or two smooth movements.

**As Mathematicians** we will be continuing with our maths mastery. We will be finishing our last few weeks of new learning where we will be introducing the Rekenreks (which look similar to a bead string or an abacus). We will learn both how to physically use them as well as how to solve problems on them. We will then be consolidating and reviewing our learning throughout the year in the final weeks of the term. In maths snack we will be looking at capacity using milkshake, tens and ones using breadsticks and Cheerios, adding quantities and subitising.



**As Explorers, artists and designers**, we will be creating treasure maps and exploring places that may go on a treasure map. We will be finding out about different sea creatures and designing our own invented sea creature. We will also looking at building sandcastles and how the properties of sand can affect our building. Finally, we will look at pollution and the effect humans are having on our oceans.

**In PE** we will be beginning our unit on outdoor, adventurous activities. Children will learn how follow multi-step instructions and to solve problems. They will be completing activities that require teamwork and thought processing. They will develop their co-ordination and co-operation skills and create their own challenges and competitions.



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**Other useful information:**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Back to school

WB Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June - Health & Well-Being Week

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day at Lynn Sport

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June – Fire Engine visit

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June – Whole school transition day

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July – Summer fair from 2.30pm

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July – Whole school transition PM

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July – End of year assembly 9.15am

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July – Year 6 Leavers assembly

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Last day of term

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Butterflies return

WB Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September – Caterpillars return

**This overview is intended to give you a flavour of what we will be learning this half term. If you recognise any of this 'good learning' at home, please feel free to pop it on SeeSaw This will help us to recognise the next steps in learning that your child needs to take.**