

### Understanding the World

Our topics this term will be ones chosen by the children throughout the year. They have been asking when they can learn about mini beasts, Vehicles, Pirates and Seaside. So this term these are the topics we will learn about as well as have a visit from Banham Zoo!! These topics will allow the children to learn about the world around them, how to keep themselves healthy as well as having lots of fun hearing different stories based around these themes. The children will be learning how to make observations and comparisons about different things.

### Mathematics

We will look at how to solve problems which include doubling, halving and sharing as well as adding and subtracting. We will be using the topics to explore shape, space and measures and using everyday vocabulary for these.

Our Pirates and Seaside topic lends itself perfectly to learning all about capacity as we spend time outside with the water tray! Maths Monkey is looking forward to spending more time at home with you, sharing the maths which we have been learning in school.

### ICT

Please talk to your children about technology around them in their environment at home as this is an area we will be focussing on this term. The children will be learning about a range of technology, not just computers.

### Library

We will be changing library books on a Friday this term. Class books continue to be changed throughout the week.

### Expressive Arts and Design

This term the children will have the opportunity to learn about sculpture and digital media as they create images using ICT. They will also be exploring different textures and using this knowledge in our craft work.

We will also be learning some sea shanty songs and experiment with different instruments to make sounds of the sea. African Drumming continues this term and the children are doing brilliantly in these sessions. They are developing their rhythm and coordination.

### Reception Summer Term 2



### Physical Development

We will continue to have our PE lessons outside, weather permitting, so please ensure they have their PE kit in school every day. We are able to use the bigger outside space to develop our games skills, such as kicking, dribbling, throwing and catching, using bats and racquets and different size balls to develop co-ordination and control.

We will all be having PE on a Wednesday morning. Please remove earrings and tie long hair up.

### Important dates:

28<sup>th</sup> June 2018: Transition Day

3<sup>rd</sup> July 2018: Banham Zoo school visit

17<sup>th</sup> July 2018: Drumming Assembly

24<sup>th</sup> July: Last day of term

### Communication and Language

The children will develop their skills of listening to others and asking questions about what they have heard through topic lessons. The role play areas will be an Ice Cream Shop and a pirate ship. These, over the course of the term, will provide opportunities for the children to cooperate, retell stories, re-enact real life situations and use the vocabulary they have learnt from stories heard.

### Personal, Social and Emotional

We continue to follow the PATHS Curriculum. The children are learning skills to manage their feelings and behaviours to make good choices when faced with challenging situations.

### Literacy

Phonics lessons become much more about applying the skills the children have learnt as well as continuing to learn key words for reading and spelling. We are continuing to develop sentence writing skills and the children will be writing about things they have been doing.

Please read with your child every day. All children should now be bringing home a book banded reading book. They can change these books when they are ready to – please remind your child to change their book in the morning if they have read to you at home. We will hear your child read once a week and continue to read together in Phonics and topic.

Reading Robot will also be coming home again to share stories with you.

### Reminder:

Named water bottles and sun hats please!