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AVON Class Summer Newsletter ~ Reception

Dear Parents/Carers,

The purpose of this letter is to let you know what we will be learning over the following term and to remind you of how some things work in Avon class.

We have PE on a Wednesday and a Friday. Please do come into the corridor every few weeks to have a look through your child's PE bag to check that they still have a full PE kit. They will need a white top, blue shorts and a pair of daps. Please ensure that everything in their bag is named.

Mrs Jarmain will continue to support us in class every afternoon during the week as well as on Friday mornings. Mrs Billet will be in our class all day on Wednesdays.

The mid-morning drink and snack should be fresh or dried fruit only and it should be named or in a named pot – it is helpful if it is cut at home so that it can be eaten easily. Please could you label drinks bottles. These should be placed in the box outside of the classroom. We are part of a scheme providing free fruit which we have during the afternoon.

It is fantastic if you can help to support your child's reading at home. Please try to write in the Blue Record Book as often as possible (at least once a week) after listening to your child read as it is a useful tool to support me when assessing their enjoyment, ability to read etc. I hope that over the term you and your child will enjoy the way in which we have changed guided reading and the texts used. We are happy to change your child's book every day if they read each night, their blue book and old reading book just need to be placed into the reading box outside of the classroom.

To enrich our learning experience we will be taking the children to 'Forest School,' beginning on Friday 9th June (details to follow). Whilst there we will be exploring the story 'We're Going On a Bear Hunt'.

Our topics for the coming term are **Pirates and Seasides**

Literacy ~ We will be looking at 'Mr Gumpy's Outing' and doing a range of activities linked to this.

Numeracy ~ Our maths work will involve calculating and counting as well as a focus on length, money, weight and 2D / 3D shape. The children will also be doubling and halving and continuing to practise writing numbers and ordering numbers to 20.

Geography ~ We will use our pirates topic to learn about maps: following, reading and drawing our own. When we move onto seaside we will be looking at the features of some of the local beaches.

History ~ We will learn about some pirates from the past and also look at seaside/seaside holidays from the past.

Science ~ We will look at the different properties of material to see if they float or sink. Then we will move on to finding about the creatures that live in the sea and the properties of their habitat.

Music ~ Pirates sing all sorts of songs and so we will be learning lots of sea songs and adapting songs to make them our own. We will also think about using instruments throughout our lessons. As we move into seaside we will learn some holiday songs.

Art and DT ~ The children will be doing all sorts of pirate-themed crafts. We are starting by making pirate ship pictures. Then the children will be designing and making their own treasure boxes. During our seaside topic the children will be painting some beach pictures.

ICT ~ We will use different technology to continue to improve our mouse control and understanding of how to use computers, including the programme Purple Mash.

PE ~ The children will be doing Athletics and will learn about working in a team and the skills required for this. We will also think about the skills that we might need on Sports Day.

Handwriting ~ The children will continue to improve their fine motor skills and work on the 'lead in' starting on the line and 'lead out' of each letter.

SEAL ~ Our SEAL (Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning) topics focus on relationships and change. We will be helping the children understand and cope with change in their transition to Year 1.

RE ~ We are learning about rules, where we fit into the world and the things that are special to us.

As a reward for the children's hard work we will be taking them to the rec for a play with their friends on Thursday 25th May.

On Wednesday 28th June we will be going on an exciting trip to Weston Super Mare. We will play on the beach, visit the aquarium and hopefully see the sand sculptures. More details to follow.

Kind Regards,

Miss Clarke and Mrs Hampshire