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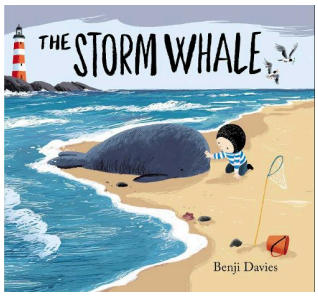
Dear Wren Class Families,

Welcome to Term Two! I hope you had a lovely half term, spent together with your loved ones.

Over the past term, the children have been making new friends, exploring their environment, and developing their independence. They are now familiar with daily routines, feel secure in their surroundings, and are enthusiastically taking part in class activities. They form an important part of our lovely school community, and it's a joy to watch them grow in confidence and curiosity every day.

Our Learning

We have lots of exciting learning planned this term! The children will learn to recognise different environments to their own and compare South Moreton with the Isle of Wight. The children will learn about factors that support our general health and wellbeing, like brushing teeth, hygiene, and the importance of exercise.



Our key text in Literacy this term is 'The Storm Whale' and 'The Magic Box' poem. This heartwarming story follows a young boy named Noi, who lives by the sea with his father. One day, after a fierce storm, Noi discovers a small whale washed up on the beach. With kindness and care, he decides to help the whale and even brings it home. Together, they share an unexpected friendship, and Noi learns valuable lessons about compassion and connection to the natural world. This lovely story will inspire us to explore themes of friendship, empathy, and caring for others. The Magic Box poem invites children to explore creative language and share their own ideas about what they would put into a special box.

Through these texts, children will use their phonics knowledge to write simple words and captions, beginning to segment sounds to represent them in writing. They will also continue to develop their handwriting skills, practising forming straight-line letters (i, l, t) and letters that start with curves (c, a, d, g, q, o, e, s).

For more information about how our learning fits together this term please visit our learning web on our SMS website.

Routines

Weekly PE lessons will be on Mondays this term. On this day, we kindly ask that children please come to school in their PE kit instead of their uniform. Children will also have **Forest School every Thursday Afternoon** so please remember to dress them with layers, waterproof clothing and wellie boots as we will be going out in all weather.

The date for our **Enhanced PE session** will be confirmed nearer the time. This will be an additional session to support children in building their skills.

Reading and how you can help at home

At South Moreton, we know that reading regularly is one of **the most important ways to support your child's learning**. We ask that parents listen to their child read each day and leave a short comment in their reading diary. Reading, and rereading familiar texts, helps children build fluency, confidence, and understanding.

Alongside reading books, we will also send home the sounds your child is learning in class, so you can practise them together. Little and often really is the key, and your support at home makes a huge difference to your child's progress.

Please return books and reading records on **Fridays** so we can send home new ones.

Active Learn https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk is a fantastic resource that supports your child's phonics learning at home. Through this platform, I can allocate phonics lessons and activities for the children to practise and enjoy.

Enrichment activities for this term (optional)		
Literacy	**Maths**	**Topic**
Draw what makes a good friend. What qualities do you think you need to have? What is important to you? Create a magic box: children draw or cut out pictures of items they would put in a special box and practise writing the initial sounds or words.	Count everyday objects (spoons, toys, steps) and practise 1:1 correspondence. Build numbers 3, 4, 5 using blocks, counters, or Lego, exploring "whole" and "part."	Make paper or card fireworks using paint, crayons, or collage materials. Create sparkler drawings using glitter glue or chalk on dark paper. What different marks can you make on a page? Which colours go well together/which don't?

Personal Belongings

Please keep the items that children bring into school to a minimum. Your child will only need **a waterproof coat,a labelled drink bottle and a green book bag.**

Please don't hesitate to get in contact if you have any questions.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Higgins, Wren Class Teacher