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Dear Parents of Children in Seahorse Class,

Welcome back to the new school year. I hope that you enjoyed your holiday and that the children are looking forward to the term ahead. I have a full and varied curriculum planned for the term:

LITERACY

In literacy we will be looking at grammar as our starting point, and using adjectives, adverbs and powerful verbs to create descriptions of settings and characters. We will then build upon these skills to write stories in familiar settings. As well as story writing, we will be using grammar to create poetry based around the First World War. We will be doing this in conjunction with a project taking place in Alderton Church to mark the centenary of the end of the War. Alongside writing, we will be focussing on spelling and reading. I would be very grateful if you could hear your child read every night and discuss the story with them to ensure their understanding of the text. Please help them learn their spellings for a test on Friday, but also more importantly, to spell these words consistently in their written work.

MATHS

This term we will be focussing on place value, and really ensuring that the children understand the value of each digit. These skills will then be used when we move on to addition and subtraction as well as, multiplication and division. They will also be learning about measurements with Mrs Butler on a Monday. We now teach maths in blocks, allowing more time to be spent on each skill and to provide the children with a greater opportunity to explore each concept.

SCIENCE

In science our topic is 'Animals including Humans'. We will be looking at what makes animals healthy and how to create a balanced diet. We will be finding out about food groups and their function in the body. We will also look at teeth, taste and the digestive system.

In the latter half of the term we will study 'Forces', firstly simple pushing and pulling, moving onto rolling and the effect that friction has in certain situations. We will then look at magnets. During this topic the children will be encouraged to plan and set up experiments and gather results and interpret their meaning.

HISTORY

We will begin the topic by investigating how we find out about the past. Then we will learn about the Stone Age and the progression from hunter gathering to farming. We will look at Stone Age homes focussing on those found at Skara Brae, traditions and creating our own cave art.



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This will lead into The Bronze Age in the second half of the term. We will look at the technology that allowed man to create bronze tools and the effect that this had on life at that time. The children will make models of round houses and their own versions of the Bell Beaker pottery. They will also learn about burial rituals and discuss different theories on the purpose of Stonehenge.

GEOGRAPHY

In geography we will be looking at our impact on people in other parts of the world. We will be using atlases to locate countries where our food comes from and finding about the textiles industry in developing countries.

In the second half of the term, our focus will be closer to home and we will be carrying out a local study. We will be planning a route around Bawdsey and identifying features and agreeing on symbols to represent these features and create our own maps of the village.

R.E.

Our focus for the first half of the term will be Islam and Inspirational People. We will be exploring the role of prophets as messengers and why they were so important. We will focus on the prophet Muhammad.

In the latter half of the term we will be looking at Christianity in the run up to Christmas.

ART

In art we are participating in the local celebrations to mark the centenary of the end of the First World War. The children will be making poppies, painting pictures in response to photographs, paintings and pictures of the war. They will also spend some time at The Suffolk Punch Museum site where they will sketch some of the horses and create a piece of art work to be displayed there in November. More details will be sent home nearer the time.

P.E.

We will be focussing on skills, rules and match play. The children will have the opportunity to practice their skills and take part in games of football and netball. Please ensure that your children have a full P.E. kit including suitable footwear and shin pads in school on Monday.

FRENCH

In French they will be learning numbers, basic greetings and communication.

I hope that the children have now settled into Seahorse Class, if they have any worries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs. H. Rankin



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