

Dear Parents,

This term Year 2 children will be starting a new topic called 'Down by the Shore'. We shall be studying the geography of the seaside and coastal areas as well as learning, in science, about the creatures and wildlife which live in a coastal habitat.

Much of our work in literacy will be inspired by books about the seaside, especially Secrets of the Seashore by Carron Brown and The Lonely Sea Dragon by Helen Dunmore. We shall be writing poems, stories, postcards and fact-files based upon these books.

This week the children are enjoying taking part in Science Week. Our focus is caring for the environment and the children will be making bug houses using recycled materials. We will also be studying minibeasts and how we can encourage them to visit our school grounds.

At the end of this term, we are hoping to take the children on a trip to Clevedon pier. We will keep you updated when we know whether this can still go ahead.

Our homework in Year 2 will continue to be reading and spelling practice. Reading books will continue to be changed on a Friday and we shall be continuing to reward 5 or more reads in a week with a raffle ticket which will be placed in a draw at the end of term. Please also continue to support your child with their spelling practice. We will continue to collect in spelling books on Thursdays and return them with new spellings on Fridays.

Finally, please could we remind you that all children need their PE kits and water bottles in school at all times. The children do games on the playground so trainers are preferable, please. As the weather improves, please could you also make sure that your child has a hat and suncream applied every day.

We hope you have an enjoyable term, if you have any questions, as always, please feel free to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Pass, Mrs Anderton, Miss Pearce and Mrs Hughes