

15th April 2008

Dear parents,

Welcome back. I hope you all enjoyed the Easter Holiday.

This half term in Beech form our cross curricular theme is 'The Seaside'. The following list gives an indication of the topics we will be studying in each subject to help you discuss school work with your child and consolidate their learning at home.

English – Seaside poems, play scripts, how to write a story.

Mathematics – We will be revisiting earlier topics in more detail, pushing children to apply their knowledge in new contexts and addressing any aspects that children found challenging.

- **Patterns** using shapes and numbers, odd and even, counting in jumps of 2, 5 and 10 and spotting patterns on a hundred square. Sharing objects into groups of 2, 5 and 10 to solve real life puzzles. *(Children will not be learning multiplication tables by rote as it is important that they understand the concepts fully first).*
- Solving **addition and subtraction** problems in real life contexts. Using money to pay and give change. Addition and subtraction as opposites. Understanding that addition can be done in any order. Subtraction as “taking away” and “counting up to find the difference”. Skills and vocabulary for mental mathematics.
- **Doubles, halves and quarters** of whole shapes, groups of objects and numbers. Understanding that half/double are opposites that “un-do” each other and that a quarter is “half and half again”. Using halves and quarters to tell the time.
- 2D and 3D **shapes**, sorting shapes according to different properties.

Science – Sound and hearing

Information and Communication Technology – Pictograms, classifying using key words. Children will also use ICT to further their learning in all subjects.

History – Seaside holidays in the past

Geography – Seaside environments

Art – Making a lighthouse

French – holidays, travel, weather, dates, likes, animals, games, role play. Revision of greetings and talking about ourselves.

Religious Education – Belonging

Personal, Social and Health Education – Going for goals

Design and Technology – Making a simple musical instrument

Yours,

Miss J Howard.