



Happy New Year and welcome back! I hope you have enjoyed a fun-filled, festive 2-week break and are refreshed for the new term ahead.

Learning

Our topic is 'Coastline', this term. The project teaches children about the physical and human features of coastal regions across the United Kingdom, including a detailed exploration of the coastal town of Whitby, in Yorkshire. To complement this, children will learn to design and make a small-scale beach hut out of wood. Through two separate science units, the children will learn about materials and how they are well-suited to their uses as well as how plants grow. They will carry out investigations to answer questions that they pose and discuss the answers that they find. Towards half term, we will learn about the fun and silly German celebration of Karneval. There will be songs, sweets and costumes!

We would love for you to join us for an art-based activity to support our coastline unit on **Thursday 19th January at 13:30**. I would kindly request that younger siblings do not attend.

PE

PE will continue every **Wednesday** with Mr Niedzwiedzki. Children require their PE kit to be in school, on their peg from Monday to Friday

Jigsaw (PSHE & RSE)

In this Puzzle the class will talk about setting realistic goals and how they can achieve them. They will discuss perseverance when they find things difficult as well as recognising their strengths as a learner. The children will talk about group work and reflect on who they work well with and who they don't. They will also talk about sharing success with other people.

KS1 forest school sessions will now take place **every Wednesday** morning from the **11th January**. Children may wear their base layers into school and keep them on for the rest of the day. A change of shoes is **essential** to ensure that we do not bring too much of the forest back into the classrooms with us! This may be their PE trainers, so they must be in school to change into. As always, long sleeves and long trousers are **essential** throughout the school year, when we are in the forest. Winter hats, gloves, scarves and extra layers are also going to be necessary, as the weather will remain cold for the next few months.

Numbots

The children have really enjoyed using the Numbots app in school and completing the different levels to create their robots. This is a fantastic app to keep their number skills fresh, so using it little and often at home will be incredibly helpful.

Homework

Children are expected to read and share a book with you, daily. Some children may have phonics cards in their book bags. These should also be practised daily. A new grid of homework activities has been prepared for the children to choose from throughout the half term. They may select items of their choice to complete. Any written work can be completed in the homework book, or they are free to use other methods, if you/they prefer. We will share homework on a **Wednesday** afternoon. If you complete anything electronically, you may email it into the school office.

As always, if you would like to raise a question or concern, please do not hesitate to make an appointment with the office or catch me on the playground at home time.

Best regards,

Laura Wendt
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