



## Harwell Community Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all enjoyed half term. The children have all come back to school refreshed and excited for our new topic which is great!

Our topic for this term is 'Under the Sea'. In Literacy, we will be looking at a quest story about a boy who travels under the sea and we will be studying this to help us to write our own quest story at the end of term.

During this topic, the children will be learning all about the sea and the creatures that live there. They will be using their map skills from last term to identify the main oceans on a map. We will be looking at water as a habitat and how different animals survive there. The children will be learning about David Attenborough and what he has discovered and also have a go at becoming presenters themselves! In Art and DT, we will be looking at different textiles to create different prints and different pieces of art. The children will listen and review different pieces of music and think about how it makes them feel as well as listening to animals communicating.

Maths will be focused on multiplication and division, statistics and shape this term. I will continue to set My Maths homework on a Tuesday. The children will have a chance to work on My Maths during the school day on a Wednesday but accessing it at home if possible, is very beneficial for the children. Every child has a My Maths log in which all the children have been given. If you would like a copy of this please let me know and I can sort this for you.

We will continue to have PE on a Monday afternoon so please make sure that your child has a named PE kit in school on a Monday, including trainers. As the weather gets a little brighter, we will be going outside for PE where possible so please bear this in mind. If your child has their ears pierced please make sure they are able to remove their earrings themselves or have plasters with them to cover their earrings. Please also make sure that any child with long hair either has it tied up on a Monday or has a hairband in their PE kit as their hair does need to be tied up for PE. It is still fine for your child to leave their PE kit at school when we don't have PE, this is often useful in case they need to change for any reason. Please also make sure that your child continues to come to school with a named water bottle every day.

I will continue to set spellings on a Monday which are then due back into school on a Friday. We will continue to read every morning in school so please ensure that your child is bringing their reading record and reading book to school every day. I do still expect the children to be reading at home every evening and it is great to see that so many of them have been doing this. Thank you all for your support with working with the children at home on their spellings, maths and reading.

We will still have the voluntary readers that come in and read with the children once a week, if you or anyone you know would like to join us as a volunteer reader please contact the office regarding this.

Our outcome for this term will be held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 2:30pm. I look forward to seeing many of you there!

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding anything to do with the above or anything to do with your child. You can still catch me before the bell or at the end of the day when your child is being collected.

Thank you again for your continuous support and I look forward to another great term with class 2.

Miss Longworth

