

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term we will be focusing on being a good friend. The children will develop their skills in turn-taking, sharing and working as a team through focus activities and by playing games with simple rules. We will also be discussing 'changing me'. This will include understanding how we all grow from babies to adults, talking about our feelings about moving to Year 1, including any worries or things we are looking forward to and we will also reflect on our year in Reception.

### Expressive Arts and Design

Our focus this half term is 3D art and sculpture. We will be exploring the work of artists such as Jane Tomlinson and Barbara Hepworth. We will be singing lots of contemporary and traditional sea themed songs, as well as traditional rhymes and songs that we are familiar with. We will also explore our online Charanga music unit called 'Reflect, Rewind and Replay' as well as having some lessons with Mrs Butlin.

### Understanding the World

Our focus this term will be on observing change and asking why and how questions. We will be exploring the life cycle of a butterfly as we watch our caterpillars transform. We will continue to care for and observe the flowers and vegetables that we have been growing in the Class 1 garden. In Outdoor Learning, we will learn about changes to the trees and wildlife in the school grounds in summer, including using classification keys to identify what we find.

### Maths

During this half term we will be exploring sharing and grouping, including even and odd sharing and playing with and building doubles. We will also complete a block of learning about visualising, building and mapping where we will be identifying units of repeating patterns and creating and exploring our own pattern rules. Furthermore, we will be replicating and building scenes and constructions as well as giving instructions to build and exploring and creating maps.

Would you like to be beside  
the seaside?

### **Class 1: Summer 2 (2024)**

Class Teachers: Mrs Forbes (M, W), Mrs Horn (T, Th, F)  
Teaching Assistants: Mrs G (M, T, W am), Mrs Lee (W pm, Th, F)

### Physical Development

**P.E. is on Wednesday and Thursday.**

Our focus this half term is striking and fielding. We will be developing our underarm and overarm throwing skills as well as developing our ability to control a ball with a tennis racket and a uni hoc stick. We will also be practicing for our whole school Sports Day. We will continue to develop pencil control with daily handwriting and fine motor skills sessions.

### English

#### Phonics:

We will continue to follow the Twinkl Phonics scheme to recognise, write and blend single, two and three letter sounds. Throughout the term we will be revising all Level 3 and 4 sounds and consolidating our learning of all levels.

**Our library sessions are on Wednesdays. Please ensure library books are returned each week.**

#### Writing:

Our writing this term will be inspired by wonderful sea and shore themed stories, poetry and non-fiction texts. Stories include 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch', 'The Singing Mermaid' and 'Tiddler'. We will explore painting pictures in the reader's mind by using descriptive language for settings and characters in stories and objects in poetry. We will explore story structure, including the introduction of a problem in the middle of a story, which is resolved at the end. The children will apply this structure to write their own simple stories.

### Communication and Language

Our seaside theme is rich with opportunities to learn and use new words. The children will continue to develop their listening skills and expand their vocabulary for speaking and writing by listening to high quality fiction and non-fiction texts with sea themes. Speaking and listening focus group activities, sea themed small world resources and an ice-cream shop role-play area will support this.