



January 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year. I hope you all had a lovely Christmas break.

As you all know I am the new teacher for class 1 and I am very pleased to be joining 'Chillerton and Rookley Primary School'. I am looking forward to an exciting year packed with fun activities and interesting lessons. This week I have been getting to know the children and assessing some of their skills. It has been a real pleasure chatting to them and discovering their personalities. Next week I hope to assess their reading so that I can organise a daily guided reading system for our class. A letter will follow to explain any new changes. Your child will continue to bring home a reading book for daily reading and these will be changed weekly. Homework will be sent out every Friday and it will relate to work they have covered in class. This will probably alternate with a Literacy task one week followed by a Numeracy task the next. Now and again your child may have homework connected to the topic theme. Please can you return the homework in your child's book bag by the following Wednesday. P.E day is on a Friday so please can you ensure your child has a P.E kit in school for this day.

Next week we will have an informal 'Meet and greet the teacher' slot after school on Thursday 17th January 2019, and I look forward to meeting you all.

Our topic for this half term is: Commotion in the Ocean .

As you can see from the accompanying topic web, we will be enjoying poems, rhymes and stories connected to ocean creatures and we will be having a go writing our own versions and illustrating them. We plan to do some beautiful art work using collage with lovely sparkling, shimmering and glittery materials. We will working with Mrs Lee, from Godshill Primary, to learn about music inspired by the sea and we will have a go composing our own ocean inspired music. The importance of staying safe will be a focus again this term but it will relate in particular to internet safety and personal data.

A few friendly reminders:

- Children are expected to **read every day** at home please.
- Pupils need a drink in class and should bring a labelled water bottle daily. Please can I ask that only water and no squash is sent in?
- If your child brings in money for a fruit snack please can you make sure it is in a labelled envelope or purse so that it is not lost.
- **PE** will be on a **Friday** so please make sure that they have their PE kit in school for this day. Thank you!
- **Homework** – will be reading and a weekly English or Mathematics task.
- **Music** –Mrs Lee from Godshill Primary School, will be at our school every Wednesday to teach music and prepare for assemblies.
- **Children need to be on the playground for 8.40am** please for learning in the classroom to commence at **8:45.**

Do let me know if you have any questions,

Kind regards,

Mrs Evans

Dates for your Diary –

Thursday 17th January 2018, 3.00pm – 3.45pm 'Meet and greet the teacher.

Reception / Year 1

Class Topic Web

Spring 1

English: Writing

- Daily phonics and letter formation.
- Read / write the days of the week.
- Write simple sentences with subject/verb agreement.
- Sequence sentences to develop simple stories.
- Begin to punctuate sentences using capital letters, full stops, and question marks.
- Use clause 'and' to extend sentences.
- Re-read to check what they have written.

Reading:

- Predict what might happen in a book.
- Participate in discussion.
- Answer questions and express opinions.

RE: Christianity. Jesus and the people he met.

PSE: Relationships

P.E/ Physical Development

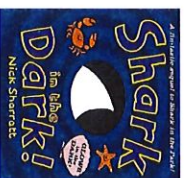
Gymnastics, ball skills, music and movement.

Literacy Learning Journeys



Rainbow Fish

By Marcus Pfister



Shark in the Dark

By Nick Sharratt

Commotion in

the Ocean

Music

- Sing songs.
 - Listen to, review and evaluate music.
- Create and compose music.

Art: Collage

Design Technology: Design and make a healthy fruit salad.

Mathematics

- Addition and subtraction- number bonds.
- Measurement - Time
- Fractions
- Multiplication and division
- Geometry

ICT

- Internet safety
- Keeping personal information safe.
- Communication and safety.

History: Significant individuals - Monet.

Science: Investigating materials. Winter conservation.

Geography: Learning about the coast.