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May/June Holiday Topic Homework

Dear Families,

What a busy term we have had! We've had a great time learning about animals and we had our trip to Crocodiles of the World too. We are very proud of all the children for what they have achieved this term.

Our topic after the half term holiday is called 'On the Beach' – we will learn about animals that live in rock pools and on the seashore. We will explore days out at the beach and compare our own experiences with beach holidays in the past. We will learn about the animals that live in the sea and find out about worldwide seas and oceans. We will explore the importance of looking after the environment to keep living things safe. We will learn about staying safe at the beach and find out about people who help us.

We have created a Topic Overview to give you a taste of everything we will be covering next term, including how you can help your child at home. This overview is also available on the school website.

In preparation for our topic, we would like both Nursery and Reception children to complete one piece of good quality topic homework which needs to be brought into school on the first day back – Monday 2nd June. Each child is encouraged to share and discuss their work with a group of peers before we incorporate it into a topic display.

Topic Homework

- 1) Visit the beach or look at photographs of days out at the beach. Talk about the activities you enjoy when you visit the beach. Think about the things you need to take so that you can have fun and keep safe. Draw and label the things you need to take to the beach.
- 2) Draw and label some of the animals you would find in a rock pool.
- 3) Use Google Earth to look at the seas and oceans around the world. Create a map and colour the seas and oceans blue. Then find the UK and put a circle around it.
- 4) Make an under the sea picture or model. Think carefully about the animals and plants you will add. You can create your artwork using a computer paint programme, paints, pens and pencils or collage/modelling materials.
- 5) Use the internet or books to find out some facts about some of the largest animals that live on our planet. You could choose from: blue whale, giant squid, ocean sunfish, manta ray, whale shark, coconut crab, giant Pacific octopus, or great white shark.

As a fun start to our learning, I would like to organise a 'beach day' and bring the beach to us. On this day we plan to play some beach games, build sandcastles and maybe go paddling! On Wednesday 4th June, please could the children come to school wearing beach clothes (shorts, t-shirts, sundresses, hats and sunglasses etc.) They should also bring a towel and a change of clothes just in case. Please ensure that your child has suncream on before they come to school.

To facilitate this day, if anyone has any beach inflatables, beach games, small paddling pools or ice lolly moulds that we could borrow for the day, please could you let me know and then bring them in on Tuesday 3rd June ready for the following day. If we have to rearrange due to weather, then I will let you know as soon as possible.



Please encourage your child to share stories with you every day as this really helps with their language and literacy development. Reception children should also continue to read their reading books. Don't forget to use the White Rose 1 Minute Maths App to help with maths fluency too. There will also be some homework on Class Dojo as normal.

Please can I also remind you that now the weather is getting warmer, the children should bring a named hat to school and suncream should be applied before they come to school in the morning.

We hope you have a lovely, restful holiday.

Best wishes,

The Pegasus Team

