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May Half Term Topic Homework

Dear Families,

We have been very busy this term, exploring animals around the world, comparing climates, creating our own mixed-up animals and sketching our favourite animal.

We are currently in National Smile Month and are taking part in activities which could mean we win prizes for our classroom. Thank you for all your support in helping us to achieve our Healthy Smiles Award, please can we continue to send children to school with water in their bottles and if children have their birthdays, can you provide something which is teeth friendly, thank you.

We are very much looking forward to next term; our topic is called 'On the Beach.' This topic teaches children about the plants and animals that live at the seaside. It also explores holidays in the past and the importance of keeping safe in the Sun. We have created a Topic Overview to give you a taster 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 – Tuesday 6th June. Each child is encouraged to share and discuss their work with a group of peers before we incorporate it into a topic display. There will be no phonics or Maths set.

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. Visit the beach to observe the animals that live on the seashore and in rock pools. Draw and label some of the animals you would find in a rock pool or on the seashore.
3. Choose one of these animals and find out three fantastic facts. Animals: blue whale, giant squid, ocean sunfish, manta ray, coconut crab, giant Pacific octopus or a great white shark
4. Draw a picture of a fish and label it. Can you find out an interesting fact about fish?
5. It is World Ocean Day on 8th June. Find out why it is so important to look after our oceans and the plants and animals that live there. Write three things that we can all do to look after the plants and animals that live in the oceans and our local area.
6. Make an under the sea picture. Think carefully about the animals and plants you could use. You could create your artwork using a computer paint programme, paint, drawing or collage materials.

Reception, you could show your grown-ups how amazing your independent writing is and then your grown up could scribe what you have written underneath.

Please encourage your child to share both fiction and non-fiction books with you every day as this really helps with their language and literacy development. Where possible, look for opportunities to encourage writing; they could keep a holiday diary. Also, don't forget the importance of looking for opportunities to develop maths knowledge – whether it is counting objects, hunting shapes or playing games.

Have a relaxing half term holiday.

Best wishes,
Miss Purves

