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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all has a lovely half-term and enjoyed the gorgeous weather over the last weekend. I can't quite believe we are in the final term of the year already! The sun is shining, it has been quite hot over the weekend and we hope this continues until the end of the year. Please can you make sure your child has appropriate clothing and protection in relation to the weather. Please bare in mind that unless your child has a medical reason, they should not be wearing sunglasses at school.

I would like to take the opportunity to share with you our topic for the term, some elements of learning that will be happening, as well as some classroom routines.

Topic

This term our topic is called '**Beachcombers**'. We are all very excited for our trip to Skegness Beach on Tuesday 18th June! Please keep your eye on class dojo for further information about the trip. This term we will be learning about different coastal features including human and physical. We will create an explanation text on a sea-life creature as well as write our own sea adventure story. In Science, we will be looking at the features of different sea-life creatures and how these features help them to survive. We will then design our own sea-life creature, thinking carefully about what they would need to survive in the ocean! In topic, we will be focussing our learning on the 5 oceans and where they are located on a world map. Finally, in R.E. we will be learning about the word 'faith'; focussing particularly on what this word means and how it can be seen through the actions of inspirational Christians.

P.E

Our P.E session will continue to be on a Monday morning and will be led by Miss McHamilton. This term our area of focus is Athletics. With sports day fast approaching, our P.E. sessions will focus on running, throwing, jumping and balancing. Please can you make sure your child has a P.E. kit in school at all times throughout the term so that they are able to participate. A gentle reminder that if your child wears earrings these should be removed before school to enable your child to join in with P.E. safely.

Reading Books

Reading books will be changed on Monday, Wednesday and Friday every week, providing you have indicated in the home school book that your child has read their current book. Please ensure that your child has their reading book and 'Home School Record' in school every day and remind your child to put their reading folder in the 'Reading Book Box' as they come in to school in the morning. If your child's book isn't in this box it will not be changed. Please continue to read with your child every night. It is an important skill they need in order to support their learning in other areas in the future.

Homework

It is expected that children read their home reading book most nights of the week. Additional homework for Maths and English will be sent out on Fridays, and will be expected to be returned the following Wednesday. The first homework

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task will be set on Friday 7th June 2019. Children who complete and return their homework on time will receive 2dojo points each week.

We understand that sometimes homework doesn't get done due to busy weekends etc. Therefore our homework club continues to run on a Wednesday Lunchtime in Westminster class. Any child who now does not complete their homework by the hand in date will have to stay in Friday break time to do so.

Long Term Topic Homework

Thankyou for all those children who completed their mini-fact file over the half term break! They have been lovely to read, and the effort some of the children have put in has been out of this world!

This term, I would like to set you the challenge of creating a 3D sea creature. It could range from a clown fish to an octopus. The choice is yours! Please can this homework be in for Monday 15th July 2019. This will give the children time to share their project with their friends.

KS1 Summer Production

It is that time of year again where we will be putting on our traditional summer production. Every child in KS1 is involved in this production, whether that be singing, speaking or on the stage! This year our production is called Pirates versus Mermaids. The children are very excited and we have already started to learn the songs! Children have taken part in auditions and parts will be sent home shortly!

Finally, if you have any queries or concerns regarding your child, please feel free to come and see me for a chat at the beginning or end of the school day, alternatively, you can send me a message on Class Dojo.

Kind Regards
Miss Westfield

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