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Welcome back to Spring 1!

Dear Parents and Carers

First of all, a Happy New Year! Welcome back to school everyone and spring term 1. I hope you have enjoyed your festive break and are looking forward to the new half term.

In class 2 we are looking forward to having lots of fun learning new things and consolidating our learning so far. This half term our topic is Beachcombers. We have lots of exciting things planned and more information will follow. Oh, I do like to be beside the seaside. Do you? That's good, because you're about to become an expert beachcomber. Please keep an eye on our section of the school website to find out about all the exciting things we are doing in class.

Just a few notes for your diary. Homework and spelling lists will continue to be given out on a Monday. We expect these back in school for a Friday morning. Reading books will continue in line with our phonics programme. Thank you for your continued support with reading at home.

We are continuing our daily phonics lessons, please ensure children are at school to start these lessons at 8:45am. You will continue to receive phonics books daily too. Once again please return these to school each day.

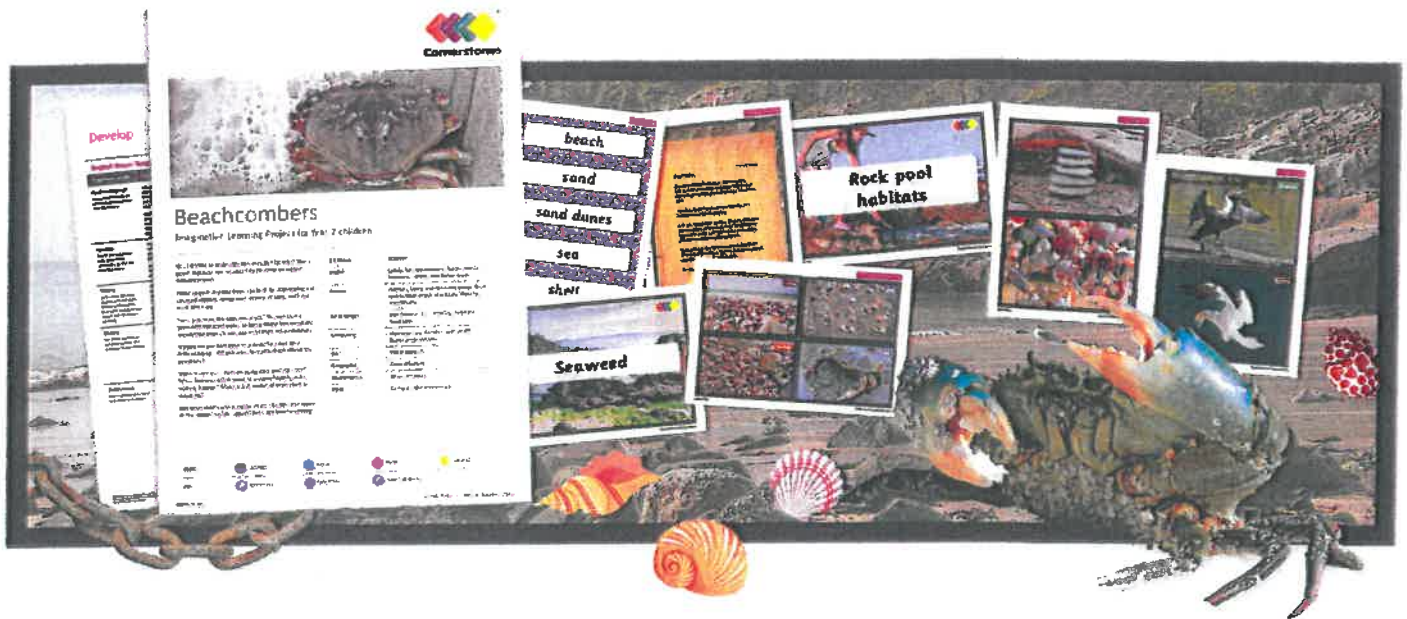
Finally, PE kits! Please send in a PE kit on a Monday and leave it at school throughout the week. We will return this home on a Friday. Our PE days change each half term depending on available coaches in school.

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask.

Many Thanks

Rebecca Aspinall

Beachcombers



Pack up some sandwiches, pick up a fishing net and keep your eyes peeled because we're off to the coast to go beachcombing!

This half term, we'll visit a local beach to experience the sights, sounds and smells of the seashore and explore rock pools to find living and non-living things. Bringing shells, pebbles and seaweed back to the classroom will help us to learn about a wide range of coastal plants and creatures. We'll read a range of seaside stories and use the coast as a setting for our writing. Maps and film footage will help us to find out more about the coast and we'll create a wide variety of artwork. We'll use books and the internet to search for information about the seashore and use our knowledge to write our own non-fiction books.

At the end of the project, we'll decide how we should look after the coastal environment and how the beach can be kept clean. We'll use our ICT skills to create a final presentation including photographs, captions and sound files.

ILP focus	Science
English	Labels, lists and captions, tongue-twisters, stories, letters, non-fiction books
Science	Habitats, living and non-living things, food chains, basic needs of animals
Art & design	Sketchbooks, 3-D modelling, sand art, seascapes
Computing	Web searches, digital presentations
D&T	Finger puppets
Geography	Coastal features
Mathematics	Measures (mass)
PSHE	Caring for the environment

Help your child prepare for their project

Beaches are fascinating places. Why not visit a beach and go on a rock pooling expedition of your own? Alternatively, you could visit a local pet shop to see a wide variety of fish, crustaceans and aquatic plants. You could also create drawings, paintings or models of sea creatures using online images for inspiration.