



Welcome Back to Summer 2 – Topic: Everyone is an Explorer

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope this letter finds you all well and that you have had a wonderfully relaxing half-term break. As we eagerly welcome back our children to the Summer 2 Term, we are excited to share our new topic, 'Everyone is an Explorer.' This topic offers our Early Years learners a wonderful world of adventure, encompassing pirates, mermaids and delightfully creative themed tuff trays.

This term will provide a unique opportunity for our children to engage in imaginative play while exploring the roles and experiences of explorers. We encourage them to let their imaginations run wild as they delve into stories, songs and activities related to pirates and mermaids whilst stimulating their creativity and curiosity.

In preparation for their transition to Year 1, we will facilitate opportunities for the children to meet their new classroom and teacher. This will allow them to develop a sense of familiarity and comfort as they prepare for the new and exciting challenges that lie ahead. We trust that this transition will be smooth and beneficial for all children as they continue their learning journey with us here at John Blow School.

In our mathematical development, we will focus on the concept of sharing and understanding of creating equal groups. This essential skill will empower our children to engage actively with their peers and enhance their collaborative problem-solving abilities. We will re-visit and consolidate previous mathematical concepts already taught this year, such as subitizing, odd and even numbers and doubling. These will be extremely useful for their next steps in their learning journey into Year 1.

Our P.E. sessions will continue to be held on Wednesdays and Fridays. We encourage everyone to ensure that they have an appropriate sports kit and footwear for these activities. It is important that your child has a water bottle in school, for use throughout the day.

As we move into the warmer months, please ensure that all hats and sun cream bottles are clearly labelled with your child's name. Most sun creams provide up to 8 hours of protection; if you wish to send sun cream into school, children must be able to apply this independently. During the heatwave before half term, we provided indoor spaces for children who preferred not to be outside, and we continue to follow our Warm Weather Policy to support children during periods of hot weather.

As we progress through this term, we kindly remind parents of the importance of regular reading at home. Engaging with books will not only enhance your child's literacy skills but also assist them in mastering their segmenting and blending and recognition of their tricky words. Writing for a reason and with a purpose will remain an important focus this half term, enabling our children to express themselves meaningfully in their written work. Regular handwriting workshops will be an important part of our early morning activities. These will promote correct letter formation, pencil grip and fine-motor skills.

We appreciate your continued support and commitment to your child's learning journey and look forward to an enriching and dynamic Summer 2 term. Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,
Mrs Bingham and the EYFS Team