

### Home Reader books

Children have enjoyed taking a range of reading books home. Please ensure you read with your child and comment in their reading records. Books will be changed twice a week. Children need to bring their books every day as they are listened to during the week by their teachers.

Reading Rockets will be collected from the children on a Monday and your child's reading will be checked by a teacher. If your child is able to read a word it will be highlighted. They will receive a new reading rocket once they can read all the words on their current rocket. The reading rocket book will be given back to your child on Monday.

### Phonics

This term we will start to introduce digraphs into our phonics learning. This is where two letters make one sound. For example sh-makes one sound in the word **shop**. Please help your child to identify the digraphs in their reading books and use them to decode and segment new words. Please speak to your child's teacher if you have any questions about this, or any aspect of your child's progress.

### Topic

Alongside the topic of 'Winter' we will also be looking at the topic 'Under the Sea.' We will be looking at sea creatures and their different habitats. We will look at where they live and how we can preserve the sea from pollution. We will also going to Blackpool Sea Life Centre to have a look at the sea creatures and learn more about them. More information to follow.



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## Winter Under the Sea

## This half terms topic is 'Winter Wonderland'

The children will be learning about

- What changes the Winter weather brings to the environment, such as snow, ice, frost and the effect this has on humans and animals.
- What changes we need to make to our lives in Winter such as Winter clothing and warm foods.
- The children will also look at the concept of freezing and melting and explore where ice melts the fastest.
- In art, children will learn to mix paints to create a Winter scene.
- The children will also be learning about life under the sea. They will look at the creatures that live there. Children will read stories about sea creatures.

### Literacy

This half term in Literacy the children will be looking at non-fiction books about Winter. They will learn lots of information about Winter time, which will enable them to write facts about the season of Winter. We will also spend time looking at rhymes and poems about Winter time and also Under The Sea, where children will investigate the use of rhyming words. We will read Under the Sea stories and will give the children a chance to innovate and make the stories their own.

### Numeracy

In numeracy we will continue to secure mastery in numbers, this half term we will be securing numbers 14-19. We will encourage children to practice counting, ordering and practising their number formation. We will also be securing simple addition and subtraction facts up to 19 with the children. The value of money will also be explored, where the children will be involved in adding simple amounts. We will also be looking at 2D and 3D shapes where the children will learn to name and state some properties of each shape.

What you can do to help your child.



Talk to and ask your child about their learning in school.  
Help your child with their weekly homework.  
Ask your child about the letter sound or digraph they have been learnt that day.  
Help your child to learn to read and write the words on their reading rockets.  
Listen to your child read regularly.  
Read books to your child so that they can hear and interact with story language and characters.  
Ensure you work with your child on their literacy and maths targets.

Thank you for your continued support!