

Federation of  
Pinvin C of E First School and  
St Nicholas C of E Middle School  
Main Street, Pinvin, Worcestershire WR10 2ER



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Dear Parents and Carers

**Summer Term 1:** Wow! We cannot believe that it is the last term of the school year!

**Topic:**

Our topic this half term is 'Under the Sea'. We will be spending time focussing on the story 'The Rainbow Fish' before we begin to learn, retell innovate a new story about Rainbow fish and the eel. We will also spend time looking at non-fiction books about The Sea. We will also be carrying out experiments on water, looking at floating and sinking, making boats to float on the water and looking at the difference between salt water and tap water with the use of an egg! The children will also be painting and making a variety of sea creatures and finding out facts about them. Towards the end of the half term we will move on to learning about 'Pirates' and we hope to have a special Pirate Day where we will be asking the children to dress up – more information on this will follow.



**Maths:**

This half term we will continue consolidating our understanding of addition and subtraction including being able to write and solve our own sums and problems. We link our maths work to our topic as much as possible and we will be learning about the time by playing games such as 'What's the time Mr Shark'.

**Reading:**

Reading scheme books will continue to be changed Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays as long as your child has read at home, so please can you indicate that you have read the book with your child with a comment or a tick. If there is no tick or comment then the books will not be changed. If you

feel that your child needs to keep the book a little longer, please also indicate, as this is not a problem.

For homework we have previously sent out tricky words that the children need to be able to read, this is really important for reaching their end of Reception targets so please keep practising these at home.

### **Writing:**

We have had some brilliant writing from the children last half term and I am sure that this will continue and the children's confidence in this area will continue to flourish. This has not just been in school, but also lots of extra writing has come in from home, which has been great to see. Again, as with the reading, if the children could practice writing their tricky and even high frequency words at home as well this will help tremendously towards their writing of sentences and stories.

### **P.E.**

As the weather starts to warm up (fingers crossed) we hope to be outside for P.E. it is important that all children have a pair of named P.E pumps in their P.E bag. Can we please ask that long hair is tied back on Mondays and that any earrings are either removed before school or tape is sent to cover them.

As always, our door is always open if there is anything you would like to discuss, so please feel free pop in.

Mrs Kilby, Mrs Groves and the Reception team