



Home learning for the Summer term 2019  
Our topic this term is: Water, water everywhere.

Here are some suggestions of activities you can do with your child if you wish to. Your child can share these pieces of work with their class teacher and friends when they have completed them.

Topic tasks	Practising skills
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Collect objects found at the seaside and make art with it.</li><li>• Find out about boats you might see on the sea.</li><li>• Draw or paint your favourite sea creature.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Practise throwing and catching: for example, throw a ball into a hoop.</li><li>• Practise counting and sharing amounts through games (ie: Share the cars between the two Teddies)</li><li>• Use craft tools independently; such as scissors, glue sticks, pens.</li><li>• Sing your favourite songs with your family and read stories with rhymes.</li></ul>

Please find additional information below:

- ❖ **Our learning** - This term, we will have lots of exciting opportunities for learning with our new topic 'Water, water everywhere'. We will focus on the seaside; natural objects that can be found there and sea creatures. During the second part of the term, we will look at boats from the present and the past and talk about what we notice. To support the transition into Reception, for some of our older children, we will become more familiar with the rest of school as well as the Reception class.
- ❖ **Tapestry** - We love hearing about children's exciting experiences at home. Do share these on Tapestry with us (as a comment, picture or video) so that we can talk about them and celebrate special achievements. Additionally, come to speak to us if you need any support in accessing your Tapestry account.
- ❖ **Library books** - We use a 'Read and Return' library system where parents alongside their children, can choose a book to share and read at home every week. There is a box with books available for you to choose from. You do not need to sign them out, but simply swap them for a new book each week. This is an important learning experiences for children to share the books they love, develop their love for listening to stories and as well as their story-telling skills.

- ❖ **Clothing** - Please ensure that you provide a change of clothes that is suitable for the hot weather in your child's bag. As the weather is getting warmer, please ensure your child also has a sunhat in their bag as well as suncream. Please apply suncream at the beginning of the day, before coming into school and it will be reapplied as necessary. Please ensure these stay in their bags and are **clearly labelled** with a marker pen.
- ❖ **Collecting and dropping off reminder** - The collection times are 11.30am, 12.45pm and 3.15pm. Please ensure that your child is collected promptly at the appropriate time. If you are delayed due to unforeseen circumstances, please ring the school office to let them know. Additionally, let us know in the morning if another adult will be collecting your child. If that person is not known by the members of Star class, please ensure you have given a password to Ms Poulet or another member of staff.
- ❖ **Packed Lunch** - Some children in our setting are allergic to **nuts** and **shell-fish** so please do not use these products in the packed lunches. We also request that grapes/cherry tomatoes are cut in half to avoid choking hazards. Many thanks.
- ❖ **Snack** - Every morning and afternoon the children have a snack that includes a piece of fruit. Please provide a full water bottle for use throughout the day. In line with the latest health advice it should be filled with water only, **no juice or squash**.
- ❖ **Junk modelling** - We would be most appreciative if you could bring in empty boxes, squeeze bottles, cardboard tubes, scraps of wool and material, and any other bits and pieces that you think might be useful for model making. Larger boxes and fabric are also useful for outdoor play.
- ❖ **Thank you** - We wanted to thank the PTFA for their incredible work and for raising money for Star Class which has contributed to buying valuable resources for our Outdoor play. The children will benefit from this valuable contribution. Thank you.

If you have any questions or need anything, please do not hesitate to come to talk to us and we will do our best to support you and your child.

Best Wishes,

Ms Poulet and Star class Team.

