



# Who lives in a rockpool?



June 2021

Dear parents/carers

Our final summer topic is 'Who lives in a rockpool?' We will be covering lots of exciting areas of learning with rockpools, the seashore and beach safety being the focus. Our colourful classroom will be turning from a glorious green minibeast home, to a beautiful blue seashore.

So where will our new topic take us? There's an exciting world just below the surface of the rock pool. Which creatures live near the sea? Why do crabs have shells? We'll find out the answers to these questions and more in this project about the seashore.

This half term, we'll create our own mini seashore and rockpools. We'll explore what treasures can be found. We'll use our senses to investigate man-made and natural seashore objects, including litter. We'll also write postcards about the information we have learnt about the seashore. Using our art skills, we'll draw seabirds, create beach art and decorate shells. It might get messy when we explore the texture of sand and create a fantastic sand art display! We'll listen carefully to stories and poems about the seashore. By reading non-fiction books, we'll find out lots of interesting facts, discovering which animals live in a rock pool and what they eat. In our 'seashore shop', we'll take on different roles and think about how we speak to each other. Using our mathematical skills, we'll count jellyfish, solve problems and order shells. We'll also measure handprints and footprints in the sand.

At the end of the project, we'll bring home all our Learning journeys that we have made in Cherry Class.

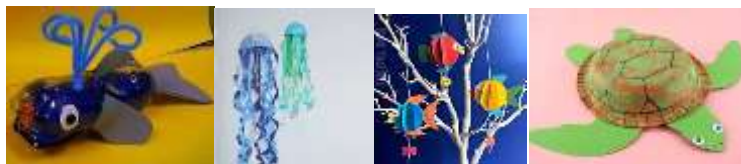
## Help your child prepare for their project

Rock pools are remarkable places. Why not visit the library to find out all about your favourite creature that lives at the seashore? You could also create fantastic seashore collages using recycled materials.

Alternatively, make a miniature 'beach in a box' using sand, pebbles, shells and toys. Visit the beach and help the children to understand how we stay safe while having fun on the sand and by the water. You could have a go at writing in the sand, making a collection of beautiful shells, build a huge sandcastle or sand mermaid! We would love to see any photos.

## Home Project

We would love to create an under the sea world in our classroom. At home can you make a 3D model of a sea creature for us to hang up. The bigger the better! Why not use empty plastic bottles or other bits of recycling. We would like anything in you make by Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June but please feel free to bring anything in earlier than that.



## A few housekeeping bits...

- \* Every MONDAY is our PE day so the children will come to school dressed ready each week.
- \* FOREST SCHOOL takes place on Wednesday afternoons. Week 1 is normal school uniform (it's photograph day!) then weeks 2-6 the children come to school appropriately dressed as discussed in the Forest School information letter. There is no Forest School in week 7 as it is the last day of term.
- \* As the weather heats up please ensure you have applied sun-cream before school and bring a sun hat. Not forgetting a water bottle every day.

The Cherry Team

