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WHITEHORSE MANOR
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Summer Term 2017

Dear parents and carers,

We are looking ahead to another very busy term and hopefully some nice summer weather! Our main topic will be **'Oh I do like to be beside the seaside'**. We will be learning about the things you might see at the seaside and what seaside holidays were like in the past. To help bring this topic to life we have arranged for the children to visit the seaside at Broadstairs on the Kent coast later on in the term!

We will be reading stories such as 'Gregory Cool' (a story about a boy visiting Tobago), 'The Twits' by Roald Dahl and a number of books about pirates. We will be using these books as inspiration for our own stories and sentence work. Our first text has been 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. We have already been busy building our own classroom robot and writing commands for him to follow. Please help your child to recognise different types of sentences – commands (Wait for me.), exclamations (What an exciting time we had!), statements (I like to play on the swings.) and questions (Who is going to play with me?) We have also been working hard to use noun phrases in all of our work (the huge, metal monster etc.). What exciting adjectives can you come up with at home? We are encouraging children to continually improve their work so it is interesting to the person who is reading it! Please support your child by continuing to read stories to them and listening to them read every day. Remember each child has access to Bug Club which has a great selection of online books along with questions for your child to answer.

In maths we are consolidating our work on the four number operations (add, subtract, multiply and divide) and looking at word problems. Can your children understand the mathematical signs and tell you how they would solve a problem? We will be looking at capacity and weight and looking at the units of measurement that are used. We will measure and compare using kilograms and grams when weighing and millilitres and litres when using capacity. The children will compare objects by weight and capacity and solve word problems involving these measures. Please support your child by helping them to clarify what these measurements mean – for example would a swimming pool need 250 litres or 250ml? Would a tin of beans weigh 500g or 500kg? Would a feather weigh more or less than a kilogram? Keep practising how to tell the time on an analogue clock – especially times such as o'clock, quarter past, half past and quarter to the hour.

Our science topics over the two half terms are 'Plants' and 'Humans and other animals'. The children will be exploring how people, animals and plants are all living things and have similarities and differences. We will also be hatching our very own ducklings and learning how to care for them after the half term.

As you will know, May is a very important time of year in year two as the children will be sitting their SATs (Statutory Assessment Tests). Please ensure that your child attends school on time every day. It is essential that they do not miss any important learning or the start of any of the tests. The tests will take place in the weeks beginning 8th, 15th and 24th May.

Thank you for your support

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