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| Dear Parents and Carers,  Welcome to our Autumn curriculum letter for Beach Class. We have had a wonderful start to the school year and the children have settled in really well. In this letter you will find information to help you support your child’s learning and prepare them for what will be covered in the next term. We will be continuing our music lessons with Mr. Chalk on a Thursday afternoon and we will start by playing the Djembe drums.  Kind Regards  Miss Beer | |
| **Adults in class**  **Teaching Assistants** – Mrs Ireland and Mrs Lush  **PPA Teacher** – Mrs Myatt  **Learning Support Assistants**- Mrs Turner and Mrs Rex-Jones | **Important Dates**  **Beach Class Liturgy in class**  Tuesday 7th October at 8.40am  **Forest School**  Monday 20th October  **Trip to Arundel Castle**  Friday 24th October Trip  **KS1 Nativity**  Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th December at 9.30am  **Topic Sharing Afternoon**  Friday 12th December at 2.30 – 2.45pm |
| **Topic: Toys and Castles**  This half term children will be exploring how toys have changed over time, focusing on materials, technology and design. Children will learn to compare old and new toys, such as traditional wooden toys versus modern plastic and electronic toys.  During the second half term our topic will be castles. We will start by visiting Arundel Castle. We will focus on the history of castles as homes and fortresses. | **Religious Education**  This year we will be continuing our scheme, To Know You More Clearly. Children will begin with the branch Creation and Covenant, where they will be learning the story of Creation followed by Prophecy and Promise where children will continue to learn about the birth of Jesus.  The children will follow the Ten:Ten curriculum for Relationship, Sex and Health Education. This programme is approved by the Catholic dioceses. |
| **Physical Education**  In KS1 we do two hours of PE per week.  Indoor PE will be on a **Monday** and Outdoor PE will be on a **Wednesday**. Children should have their PE kit in school until half-term, when it will then be sent home for washing. The kit should include a St Mary’s PE top, royal blue shorts, and trainers. You may wish to include a navy-blue tracksuit (no leggings please). | **Homework**   * Children should be reading at home 4 times a week. Please record each read in their yellow reading journal. * Ed Shed [**https://www.edshed.com/en-gb/login**](https://www.edshed.com/en-gb/login)   Each week the children will be given a Spelling Shed assignment of 5 quizzes based on what they have been learning at school. Login information for the Ed Shed website can be found in your child’s yellow reading journal. If you would prefer your child to write their spellings on paper, please ask your child’s class teacher for a book.   * Each half-term we also give a selection of creative homework activities. Please pick one to complete at home. |