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| Dear Parents and Carers,  Welcome to our Autumn curriculum letter for Ocean Class. We have had a wonderful start to the school year and the children have settled in very well. In this letter you will find information to help you support their 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, Premier Sports will be providing PE lessons during the year and forest school will be continuing throughout the year.  Kind Regards  Miss Stevenson and Miss Denton | |
| **Adults in class**  Teaching Assistants – Ms Petronijevich  PPA Teacher – Mrs Myatt  Learning Support Assistants- Mrs Tate and Miss Moore. | **Important Dates**  Ocean in class liturgy  Tuesday 14th October at 8.35am  Friday 24th October  Trip to Arundel Castle  Nativity  Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th December  Topic Sharing Afternoon  Friday 12th December at 2:30-2:45 |
| **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 diocese. |
| **Physical Education**  In KS1 we do two hours of PE per week. Indoor PE on Mondays.  Outdoor PE on Wednesday. Children should have their PE kit in school until the half-term, when we will send it home. 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). You may wish to include additional underwear in their PE bag. medical/continence needs so we can fully support your child. | **Homework**   * Children should be reading 4 times a week. Please record each read in the 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. |