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| Dear Parents and Carers,  Welcome to our Autumn curriculum letter for Seagull 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 and forest school will be continuing throughout the year.  Kind Regards  Mrs Matthews and Mrs Coulter | |
| **Adults in class**  Teaching Assistants – Mrs Kanik  Learning Support Assistants- Mrs Myatt and Mrs Fenn | **Important Dates#**  Forest School  Monday 13th October  Nativity  Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th December 9.30am  Seagull Class Liturgy in class  November 18th at 8.40 am  Topic Sharing Afternoon  Friday 12th December 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 for lords. | **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 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 Friday.  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. Please let us know of medical/continence needs so we can fully support your child. | **Homework** [**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 on the front of their 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. * Reading is 4 times a week and should be recorded in the yellow reading journal. * Each half-term we also give a selection of creative homework activities for the children to pick one to complete with their families to share what they have learnt. |