

Welcome back! We can't believe this is our last newsletter of the year! We have a busy and exciting half term ahead with lots of activities planned for our topic 'Under the sea'. We will be launching our topic by exploring a real rainbow fish as well as reading the story. We will then be setting up a beach role play area for the children to enjoy. Our topic landing will be a Beach Day on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July. The children can come to school in shorts and t-shirts on this day.

Please make sure your child has a **labelled** P.E. kit, including a white T-shirt, blue or black shorts and plimsolls or trainers, in school every day.

### Physical Development

- Multi-skills with a specialist teacher
- Fine Motor skills activities

### Expressive Arts and Design

- Music theme is Moving Patterns focussing on **Structure**
- Making clay starfish
- Rainbow fish painting
- Step by step drawings
- Observational drawing of a fish

### Learning Values

**M - Motivation:** learn about caring for the environment

**E - Excellence:** to apply new phonic sounds to their reading and writing

**R - Respect:** to make a persuasive class poster to stop water pollution

**T - Teamwork:** to work as a team during football lessons

**O - Opportunities:** to find information about Australia

**N - Never Give Up:** to keep trying when learning something new

## Merton Infant School Year R Curriculum Newsletter Summer 2 Under the Sea



### Understanding the World

- Examining a real fish
- Animal habitats
- The Great Barrier Reef and water pollution
- Map skills
- Famous explorer James Cook and travelling by boat
- Water safety
- Cooking fish cakes

### Merton Mission

- **Do it:** Visit an aquarium or the seaside
- **Make it:** Make a sparkly rainbow fish mask to bring in to school
- **Read it:** Go to the library and read a book about the sea

### Maths

- Subitising
- Counting on and back within 10
- Sorting and matching
- Comparing and ordering
- Addition and subtraction
- Finding half
- Making equal groups of numbers
- To use Ed Shed at home

### Literacy

- To label a fish
- To write words using phase 2 and 3 sounds
- To create a poster
- To follow a recipe
- Learning Phase 3 digraphs and CEW displayed on the reverse
- To practise writing sentences
- To use Ed Shed at home

**Please continue to help your child by sharing their reading book and by practising their key words and sounds at home daily**