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Dear Parents/carers of children in Cary class

Welcome to the Summer Term ~ what a busy term we have ahead of us! The purpose of this letter is to let you know what we will be learning about this term and to remind you of a few things as well.

Mrs Rushen will continue to support the class all week and Mrs Harris will continue to work in class every morning. Mrs Barmby-King will teach every Tuesday morning between break and lunchtime, to cover my planning and assessment time and Miss Frounks will cover the class on a Thursday, whilst I carry out my duties as Deputy Head.

I would also like to extend a warm 'St Andrew's' welcome to Miss Jenna Sparks who will be with us until Friday 30th June. Jenna is currently undertaking her teacher training with the University of Plymouth and this is her final teaching practise before graduating. She has already enjoyed meeting the class and is looking forward to supporting me in the role of class teacher. I am sure that she would be more than happy to answer any questions you may have.

PE will remain on a Tuesday morning with swimming taking place every Friday afternoon. Please ensure that your child's PE bag stays in school on their peg at all times. It will be sent home for a wash each half-term holiday. Please check that name labels are still visible on your child's PE kit and school uniform and that their plimsolls/trainers still fit as they grow so quickly! Girls with hair chin length or longer MUST have a swimming hat and boys should have proper swimming trunks and not the longer surfer style.

It is expected that all children will participate with swimming lessons, however if their behaviour becomes a concern, you will be notified and they may not be able to go.

Reminder ~ the mid-morning drink and snack should be fresh or dried fruit only and should be named or be in a named pot – please ensure that it is cut at home so that it can be eaten easily, as we do not have the equipment to do this in class. Similarly please provide a spoon for yoghurts at lunchtime. Fruit snacks should be placed in the basket in the classroom. We school part of a scheme providing free fruit which we have during the afternoon.

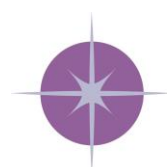
Should the weather become hot and sunny (??), the children will need to bring a sun hat to school. Sun cream should be applied at home in the morning as this will provide coverage for the day and they do not need to bring it to school with them.

Thank you for your support with the children's reading at home; they continue to make good progress and their love for reading and books in general is blossoming. Please continue to write in your child's 'Blue Record Book' as often as possible but at least once a week, as it is a useful tool to support me when assessing their enjoyment, ability to read etc. The children receive a reading point as a reward for this too!

I am really looking forward to this half term's topic about Pirates, as I believe that all concerned will enjoy this topic immensely. For the second half of term our topic will be the seaside, with an educational visit being planned to support this.

During the Pirate topic, we will focus mainly on developing scientific and geographic skills. In Science, the children will carry out investigations on the most appropriate material to use for a pirate ship and how much booty it can hold before it sinks! They will collect evidence and then consider their results and what they show. In Geography, we will be undertaking lots of treasure map reading to find the treasure as well as designing our own maps to remember where we buried the treasure. We will also be carrying out other activities such as making messages in a bottle, designing our own pirate flag and so on which will lead to us gaining our pirate licence!

In our Seaside topic, we will find out about what the seaside was like in the past and compare it to our experiences of today. We will also be learning about which sea-life can be found on the shore and in the ocean and how these animals have adapted to live in their habitats. In Art, we will be carrying out observational drawings of shells ensuring that we look really carefully and only draw what can be seen.



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'That they may have life, life in all its fullness' John 10:10

Any offers of help in the class would be gratefully received, even if it is only for half an hour at the beginning or end of the day to hear children read. If you have a particular skill/hobby which you think the children might like to learn about, please come and speak to me.

Reports will also come home this term and will explain your child's progress, if you have any queries or concerns before then, do not hesitate to come and talk to me.

Yours sincerely

Kaye Frounks
Cary class teacher