



Monday 6th September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,



Welcome to Limpets Class - we hope you had a lovely Summer break! We start the year with the topic '**Me and My Community!**'. Our main focus these first few weeks is on your child's wellbeing and making their transition into school an exciting and positive experience. Through this topic, we will get to know your child and help them settle into school life. Ensuring they: adapt to routines, make and reinforce friendships and are happy and independent in their learning. We will use what we find out about their lives and interests to plan across the year. Please see the Topic Plan '**Me and My Community!**' attached for the activities your child will be engaging in.

Timetable and Routines

Your child's teaching team comprises of:

- Your class teachers, **Allie Barnett** and **Rachel Harding**
- Your full time Teaching Assistant and Early years practitioner **Sally Lee**
- Our arts and music specialist **Clare Russell** and
- **Dee Seddon**, our KS1 School Improvement Lead (SIL)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Rachel Harding Phonics Literacy Maths	Rachel Harding Phonics Literacy Maths	Clare Russell Phonics Art & Music	Allie Barnett Phonics Literacy Maths	Allie Barnett Phonics Literacy Maths
Sea School UTW	Rachel Harding & Dee Seddon Alternating Character Education PSED	Allie Barnett & Dee Seddon Alternating Literacy & Maths	Forest School Religious Education	PE Story Square

<p>Settling in Our first week timetable: Tuesday 7th 9am-11:30am Wed 8th - 9am - 1.20pm Thursday 9th - 9am -1.20pm Friday 10th - 8.50am - 3.15pm Please drop your child to the Reception outside area Class Gate where the teacher will greet you.</p>	<p>A normal school day (Week 2 onwards) Gates open at 8.40 and the school day starts at 8.50am. Please drop off at the gate outside Reception class. Adults are not allowed into the classroom until informed otherwise. Break time is at 10am with Lunch at 12.00 End of day collection is 3.15pm outside the Reception class gate.</p>
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Communication



We have emailed you all with a link to login to **Class Dojo**. If you have not done so, please can you make sure you are signed up by the end of the week. Once you have signed up you will be sent the most up to date news, reminders and stories about your child's learning. It is a great way for us to communicate and share your child's fun throughout the week. Thank you to those who have already signed up!

You will also be receiving login information for **Tapestry** which is an online learning journal. We use this platform to upload evidence of your child's learning and track your child's progress. Please check your junk email for login information.

Our Early Years Curriculum- EY C360



At Woolacombe School our Early Years curriculum 360 (EY C360) is built upon four cornerstones:
Character, Community, Excellence and Innovation

Our team all believe in the school vision to 'leave no stone unturned' in the pursuit of an enriching and broad experience for all children. We are committed to helping our children develop and evolve during their time with us and beyond. We seek excellence in all we do. We are part of the Alumnis Multi Academy Trust, regularly working with a collection of local schools to share outstanding practice and better the outcomes of all local children. See the school website for more information about our vision, values and curriculum.

Phonics and Early Reading



Your child will start by quickly recapping Phase 1 of Letters and Sounds. This concentrates on developing children's speaking and listening skills and lays the foundations for the phonic work which starts in Phase 2. The emphasis during Phase 1 is to get children attuned to the sounds around them and ready to begin developing oral blending and segmenting skills. Please go to the Letters and Sounds website below for more information and resources - <http://www.letters-and-sounds.com/phase-1.html> Once settled in, we will start Phase 2. A home learning pack will be sent home as well as information about how best to develop a love of reading and support your child's reading development.

During the first full week we will be sending home "Home Readers" which are for you to share with your child. You may keep each book until they are confident with the text and you are happy they are ready for a new one. We will also send home a contact diary. This is for you to record your child's reading in. The expectation is that you share a book with your child each day and a note of this is recorded in the contact diary. School staff will also record any reading your child does in school.

Maths

We follow a whole school approach to maths in the EYFS called 'Power Maths' supported by White Rose. It builds on mastering mathematical concepts using growth mindset in short focused sessions that can be applied independently in their play. Activities we take part in will be shared on Dojo and can be repeated at home to consolidate their learning.

Trips and Enrichment Experiences



We have a number of trips mapped out for the year but due to Covid restrictions, have been unable to confirm dates with venues. We will update you with more information as soon as we can.

Sea School and Forest School



We will be taking part in Sea School once a week on a Monday afternoon to learn about the wonderful environment around us and giving us life skills for living by the sea. This begins as a classroom based activity until we receive updated guidance from the government regarding Covid regulations. Fortunately, our forest area is in the school grounds which means that these sessions can begin out in the environment straight away.

Please ensure that your child brings in wellies and wet weather gear including a waterproof coat and trousers on a Monday for Sea School and Thursday for Forest School sessions.

Voluntary contribution

Throughout Reception year we are continuing the voluntary contribution suggested by Nursery of £30.00 for the year to allow for a plentiful supply of resources (topic focused books, baking, construction, sand, stationary, art resources and other items linked to your children's interests)

Please return in a named envelope to the class teacher at the start of the school day if possible

Thank you in advance.

General Information

You should have all received an email invite to 'School Money'. Here you book your child's school dinners, or record them as a packed lunch (the cut off is 12pm the night before), book morning and after school clubs, and pay for trips and equipment. Please also enter if your child has a home school packed lunch so we don't provide a school dinner. Please contact the office if you have any more questions.

Full school uniform must be worn, including black shoes. Long hair must be tied back, no hair products please. **PE will be on Fridays** this half term, so please ensure that your child wears their full kit into school on this day. A spare PE kit should also be left in school in case your child needs a change of clothes. They can get wet and muddy in the Autumn term! We start with Indoor Athletic Skills and Yoga!

PE kits must include: a school hoodie, hat, gloves, trainers, black tracksuit trousers or leggings, a spare white shirt and socks. A plastic bag kept inside the PE bag is always useful too, for muddy trainers.

Please ensure that your child has a warm, waterproof coat in school every day and that all items are labelled with your child's name!

Due to Covid regulations we won't be receiving funded fruit at the beginning of this year. Please could you send in 2 fruit or vegetable snacks for your child to have at break times. The afternoons are quite long and we want them to have lots of energy to enjoy the day! If your child has a packed lunch, no plastic bags please. We are a plastic free school so reusable containers only, and ensure that they are clearly named.

Dates To Remember



- Our 'Meet the Teacher' meeting will take place on Thursday 30th September 6-7pm
- 22nd October – Non-Pupil Day
- 23rd October - Half Term

If you require further information please refer to the welcome pack you received via email on Friday 23d July 2021 or send us a message on Class DOJO!

***Mrs Harding & Mrs Barnett
& the Reception Team***