



5th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Jellyfish Class! We hope you had a lovely summer and I'm looking forward to hearing all about it from the children. Our history focus this half term is 'School Days'. This project teaches children about their own school and locality, both today and in the past. They compare schooling in the Victorian era to their experiences today. We will be having a Victorian School day before half term and will confirm this date as soon as possible. It would be fantastic if the children could dress up for this so keep an eye out for costumes or start having a look through any fancy dress boxes.

Timetable and Routines

Your child's teaching team comprises of:

- Your class teacher, **Chani Cooper**
- Your full time Teaching Assistant, **Sally-Ann Lee**
- **Natalie Gibson** PE specialist

Days and times vary but the below timetable gives you an indication of what your child is learning each day and which teacher will be leading the session.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chani Cooper Phonics, Maths, Literacy	Chani Cooper Phonics, PE with Natalie Gibson, Literacy	Chani Cooper Phonics, Literacy, Maths	Chani Cooper Phonics, Maths, Literacy	Chani Cooper Phonics, Maths, Literacy
Chani Cooper Assembly, MFL Reading	Chani Cooper Handwriting, History/Geography Reading	Chani Cooper Art/Music, RE, Reading	Chani Cooper Handwriting, Science, PSHE Reading	Gail Holmes, Sally Lee Swimming

Computing and Design Technology may be taught in blocks during the term.

Communication

We will continue to use Class Dojo as you did in year 1. This is where you will be sent the most up to date news, reminders and stories about your child's learning. You can comment on stories or send private messages for any information I may need for the school day. I will aim to look at Dojo at the beginning and end of the school day. I will respond as soon as I can, however, during the working day, if there is something urgent please call the office.

Our Curriculum- C360



At Woolacombe our curriculum 360 (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 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, Literacy and Reading

This term we will be doing a phase 5 Little Wandle review. Phonics catch up sessions will be used throughout the week for children who need extra support. We will also be moving onto guided reading and using texts to support our literacy learning. Our first book focus this term is Nobot - The robot with no bottom! We will use this book to focus on our grammar, writing composition and reading comprehension.

Little and often is key to promote a love of reading. Please continue to read with your child at least **5 times per week**. We will be checking this regularly which means **bookbags will need to be in every day**. Your child will have a reading for pleasure book and a book matched to their reading ability. We will be changing the books on Mondays starting from the 11th of September. If your child completed the **Summer Reading Challenge** please let me know on Dojo and send me a picture with them and their certificate. We would love to celebrate this in school.

Maths

We will use White Rose Maths for our daily sessions. Our first block of learning will be focussed on place value and we will start by consolidating numbers to 20, moving onto writing numbers to 100 in expanding form and ending with counting in 3s. There are other small steps between these and we will use NCETM for fluency. This also gives us an opportunity to consolidate any previous learning.

PE and Swimming

PE will be on Tuesday mornings. 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! **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. When the weather gets colder, your child may also wear a plain black, white or grey base layer.

Swimming will be on **Friday afternoons**, starting on the **15th of September**. Your child can choose to wear their swimming costumes/shorts to school (costumes rolled down half way) but please remember to pack underwear. They will be able to get changed at the swimming pool if their swimwear may be uncomfortable through the school day. I will send out more information regarding swimming in the coming days.

General Information

Please continue to use 'School Money' to book your child's school dinners, or record them as a packed lunch (the cut off is Midnight 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.

The Autumn term weather can be unpredictable! Whilst it is still warm, please apply sun cream to your child in the morning. You can pop a small tube of named suncream in their bag so that they can reapply at lunch time if needed. Please ensure that they each have their own Woolacombe School water bottle and a named sunhat too. Please make sure that your child has a waterproof coat in school every day.

We ask that no toys are brought to school.

School fruit will continue to be provided for year 2. If your child brings in an unhealthy snack we will ask them to bring it back home and replace it with school fruit. When having a packed

lunch we ask for no plastic bags please. We are a plastic free school so reusable, clearly named containers only.

Dates To Remember

- Our '**Meet the Teacher**' meeting will take place on Tuesday 12th September at 2.30 in the Year 2 Classroom.
- September 13th - Roald Dahl day
- September 11th-26th - Great British Beach Clean/recycle week
- September 26th - World Languages day
- October 6th - National Poetry day
- October 10th - World mental health day
- Parent Mental Health Workshop - October 13th 9- 10.30am - location TBC on Dojo.
- Harvest Festival - October 19th 1.30pm at the Church, **parents welcome.**
- Inset Day - October 20th.
- 22nd - 27th October – Half Term
- November 6th - KS1/2 Spelling workshop
- November 17th - Children in Need

More dates and details to follow for the year 2 production, trip and our Victorian day!

If you require further information or have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch via Class Dojo.

Mrs Cooper and Sally-Ann Lee.