



# Year R Learning Letter

## Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023



We can't believe this is our last learning letter of the year! The time has flown and it's almost time for the Owls to become Puffins and the Robins to become Penguins. Thank you for all your support this year. We have thoroughly enjoyed working with you all and your wonderful children. The children have flourished, learning new things and making new friends. It has been an absolute pleasure to be part of your child's first chapter at North Downs Primary School and we wish them every happiness and continued success as they move into Year One.

In the last 2 weeks we have...

- Investigated Seascapes and painted our own
- Learnt about the features of an island
- Compared going to the seaside now and in the past
- Made simple maps for boats
- Continued to practise our phase 3 digraphs and tricky words
- Revised our number bonds to 10

In the next 2 weeks we will...

- Think about the changes that are happening to us, including our move to Year 1, using our Jigsaw PSHE programme.
- Learn about the work of the RNLI and water safety
- Shared the 'The Sea Saw' story
- Revise all phase 2 and phase 3 sounds and tricky words
- Revise our maths learning from the year including: doubles, odds/evens, number bonds, subitising, one more/less, counting beyond 20

### Wanted

**Any old or unwanted blankets, throws, cushions or beanbags that we could use in our indoor and outdoor reading areas.**

Reading books will not be sent home for the remainder of this term, and we would ask you to **return any books you may still have at home, by Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July**. However, we still advise you to keep reading regularly throughout the holidays, to avoid existing skills being lost. To support this, we have sent home (in your child's reading diary) individual log-ins for Bug Club so that you can access the books from home. Reading throughout the holidays will really help your child as they move into Year 1.

### Seaside Day - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July - All at the Betchworth base.

We are all gathering together to celebrate the end of our seaside topic with a seaside day at Betchworth base. Robins need to be dropped off and picked up from Betchworth base with their sunhats and water bottles. School dinner arrangements will be as normal. (Only packed lunches for those who normally bring them.)

Please send your child dressed for a day at the seaside! (E.g. shorts, t-shirts, beach shoes / flip flops and sun cream of course!) The children will have the opportunity to take part in a range of seaside activities.