Athletics We will be heading outdoors for our PE lessons, developing our running, jumping, skipping and throwing skills, as well as learning how to compete in relay races in preparation for our Sports Day.

PE

#### Science

We will be continuing to explore the world of plants, identifying their common features and recognising similarities and differences between plants found in different countries and different habitats. We will describe the way that seeds grow and develop into mature plants, and will design and carry-out tests to find out what things plants do (and don't) need in order to grow well.

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In Art, we will be exploring the work of the The Arts famous artist Monet. We will look carefully at the way in which he painted water, capturing a sense of the light and weather around him and we will then use the same skills to paint our own seaside pictures. We will also be exploring clay, learning to manipulate it in a variety of ways and then making seashells.

### Computing

We will be continuing to learn to create simple programs, controlling the way objects move, either on screen or in real life, including using moving toys such as Bee Bots and the Scratch language.

HEDGEHOGS

term, we'll be learning about...

Next half-

## Maths

- SUMMER 2023

We will begin by returning to our four core operations addition, subtraction, multiplication and division securing and developing the strategies we have worked on this year and then using them to solve lots of different types of practical and written problems. We will explore different ways we can represent problems, including through the use of pictures and bar models, and use these to independently decide what maths we need to do.

Later in the term we will be investigating angles and turns, identifying right angles and linking them to the idea of making a quarter turn.

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#### English

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Our next English unit will see us focussing on explanation texts, based around animal life cycles. We will learn a model text to help us explore the features and structure of this tricky genre, and will then use this to support our own writing. We will be focussing on sentence structures, using causal conjunctions such as so and because to show the reason why things happen, as well as ensuring that we use key punctuation correctly. We will roundoff our work by writing our own, independent explanations, explaining life cycles of other creatures. We will also continue to develop our phonics and spelling skills in daily Read Write Inc. sessions, and will practice our joined handwriting across all curriculum areas.

Date

In our geography lessons, we will be learning about seaside environments. We will discuss what people do when they go on seaside holidays and learn about natural and man-made features that we find in these places. We will then choose a specific seaside resort to investigate further (selected based on our own experiences) and compare this town with life in

In history, meanwhile, we will explore seaside holidays from the past and discover how they have changed over the years. We will use photos, video clips and firsthand accounts to support our learning, and will use all of this to discuss how seaside environments have

Keeping fit, happy and healthy is always important. There are links to lots of great resources and workouts to help everyone in the family get active at www.sportengland.org/ jointhemovement

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#### Science

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We're learning all about seeds, plants and growth, so a bit of gardening at home would be a great way to build on this knowledge. Plant seeds or flowers in the back garden or grow cress on the windowsill, and think about what these plants need in order to grow well (and what happens to them when we forget to water them!)

#### Computing

You can have a go at coding in Scratch by heading to scratch.mit.edu or downloading the Scratch app. There are loads and loads of tutorials, ideas and examples of other people's work available on the Scratch site.

Ideas for supporting learning at home:

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There are some great ideas for learning more The Arts about Monet (and then making art in his impressionist style) on the fantastic Tate Kids website at: www.tate.org.uk/kids/ explore/who-is/who-claude-monet Have a go at creating art linked to the

seaside, sand, shells or summertime!

#### Maths

Work out maths problems while you're out shopping: Each packet of sweets costs 32p - so how much will it cost to buy 3 packs? DIY is full of practical problems, too - I need 8 screws to put up each shelf, and Gran wants 4 shelves in the shed, so will this pack of 25 screws be enough? Work through problems together and think about what operations you're using (+, -, x or ÷) at each stage.

Knowing all the different words for the 4 operations helps us solve problems (eg. split, share, separate and group all mean 'divide'), so try learning these. Who can find the most words that mean take away subtract, minus, reduce, difference, decrease...

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## English

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Constant practice of reading - and discussion of what's been read - is just about the most valuable thing you can do at home. Our aim is to turn all our children into fluent readers, so they should be able to read the books they're bringing home with speed, accuracy and confidence.

We continue to use the Read Write Inc scheme for our daily phonics sessions, and there's guidance on supporting this at home available at: www.ruthmiskin.com/en/find-outmore/parents/

You can also find advice on supporting spelling at: www.bedwell.herts.sch.uk/learning/ spelling\_strategies.pdf

and mementos from seaside trips in the past. Share stories, pictures, postcards What things did you do at the seaside? Why did You go to that particular place? If you've been to the seaside in different countries, think about what is similar and different about all these places. It would be great if older members of the family could share their memories of the seaside from when they were younger - how is it similar or different today to how it was fifty years ago? And, if the chance comes up, a family day out at the seaside would definitely help us to learn more about this topic - we'd love to see any photos or goodies that you bring back!