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BEACH SCHOOL - AUTUMN TERM

Dear Parents,

As you know, we have got 3 'Beach school sessions' planned for this term and we would like to take this opportunity to tell you a bit more about them.

Friday 15th September - 'The Great British Beach Clean'

We will be walking to East Head to join the National Trust rangers for the annual British Beach Clean. Following a safety briefing, the children will collect and identify items they find within a specified area of the beach at East Head. They will work in teams to record their data, which will then form part of the national statistics.

Children will discover more about the threat of pollution to our beaches and the importance of being environmentally aware.

Wednesday 27th September - 'Shadows and Shelters'

(Reserve date Wednesday 11th October)

This will be a slightly different Beach school session to normal, as we are planning to spend the whole day at the beach!

We will be carrying out Science experiments relating to light, which will meet many of our Science objectives for this term. We will also be designing, making and evaluating our own beach shelters, this will link to our Design and Technology curriculum as well as linking to discussions about shelters used in World War 2.

The whole day will provide the children with many opportunities to develop key skills such as communication, co-operation and resilience. Please remember to **CANCEL HOT MEALS** for this day (which must be done at least 2 weeks in advance) and send your child into school with a packed lunch for this day.

Please note, if the weather is poor, we will not be able to continue with the session, our reserve date is Wednesday 11th October.

Wednesday 1st November - 'Operation Dynamo'

We will be learning more about this amazing British operation, also known as 'The Miracle of Dunkirk' and designing, making and testing our own boats to rescue stranded soldiers.

During this session, we will be using the SHALLOW tidal pools to test our boats - wellies or beach shoes rather than trainers would be more appropriate for this session!! (And perhaps a small towel too!)

This session will link to our History and Design and Technology objectives for the term.

For all Beach School sessions, please remember:

- A warm coat
- Gloves
- Hat and scarf or Summer hat/cap
- Joggers/Jean/Jeans/Leggings
- T shirt
- Sweater/Fleece
- Wellies/old trainers/beach shoes
- Water bottle
- Suncream (applied at home)
- Sunglasses can be helpful to protect both against sun AND sand!
- Long hair should be tied back

Even on fine days, it can often be windier on the beach!

We will always try to continue with Beach schools wherever possible, however, we would ask for your understanding that on some occasions a Beach school session may be cancelled or postponed at very short notice due to the ever changing British weather!!

We are looking forward to some wonderful outdoor learning experiences this term, thank you in advance for your support with these sessions.

Yours sincerely,

Lisa Willson and Jo Perkins

