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Letter to Parents (EY2)

Dear Parents,

Our next International Early Years Curriculum (IEYC) unit of learning will be ‘Ocean Treasures’ through which children will be exploring the theme of ‘beach and sea life’.

This new curriculum has been specially written for young children and sets out clearly what children should learn in four groups or ‘strands’ — these are called ‘Independence and Interdependence’, ‘Communicating’, ‘Enquiring’, and ‘Healthy Living & physical wellbeing’.
The activities, which have been planned, will cover these strands in the following ways.

Independence and Interdependence

The children will learn to play alone, alongside and with others in a wide range of context. They will learn about acceptable behavior, rules, responsibilities and rights, especially in relation to the natural environment.

Communicating

The children will have the opportunity to develop descriptive language. We will sing songs and learn rhymes linked to the theme.

Following are few stories which may interest your child for this particular topic. These stories are available for viewing on YouTube.

- 1. *Swimmy* by Leo Lionni.**
- 2. *The Rainbow Fish*, by Marcus Pfister.**
- 3. *House for a Hermit Crab*, by Eric Carle.**
- 4. *The Rainbow Fish and the Big Blue Whale*, by Marcus Pfister.**

Enquiring

Throughout this theme there will be opportunities for the children to make decisions. They will take some responsibility for their own learning. This IEYC unit provides a wide range of experiences around a central theme. Sharing each other’s interests during circle time and group discussions often generates further curiosity. Please help by capturing your child’s curiosity by asking questions for e.g.

■What do you know about the sea?

- What do you know about the creatures that live in the sea?
- Do all fish look the same?
- Which fish/sea animal is bigger/smaller?
- Why does this sea creature have fins/scales/a shell/tentacles/flippers?

Healthy Living and Physical Well Being

During the course of this theme the children will make choices and learn about paying attention and concentrating.

The Big Picture

Have you ever wondered what you might find under the sea? We're going to be exploring the oceans of the world, investigating forests of swaying seaweed, and diving deep into the darkest depths, to find out more about all the amazing and beautiful animals that make the sea their home. Are we ready to take the plunge and see what we can find? Each Learning Block will provide new learning experiences.

In Learning Block 1, we'll be:

- Making patterns and shapes out of sand
- Exploring a collection of shells
- Making art from beach objects
- Helping a turtle baby reach the sea

In Learning Block 2, we'll be:

- Learning to share with the Rainbow Fish
- Making a home for a hermit crab
- Finding out more about animals under the sea

In Learning Block 3, we'll be:

- Helping a whale to make friends
- Learning to dive and explore the sea
- Finding out about the amazing things an octopus can do!
- Explore light and dark under the sea.

Learning Block 4, we'll be:

- Learning to move like waves and paint our own pictures
- Creating an undersea dance
- Using music to tell a story
- Performing our own dolphin show!

International Dimension:

Our learning will also help to develop the IEYC International Dimension as children will learn about:

- The similarities and differences between children's lives
- Learning and playing with others beyond their immediate friendship group

- Applying the IEYC Personal Goals in various contexts
- In an environment that enables them to: Develop knowledge and an increasing understanding beyond that related to their own nationality and identity.

We hope this IEYC unit of learning will help your child gain knowledge, increase their understanding and develop new skills that they can demonstrate to you.

Entry Point

We will begin this theme Wednesday 19th November 2018.

We look forward to sharing what we have learned at the end of the IEYC unit of learning when we hold our Exit Point.

We look forward to forming a successful learning-link partnership with you so that we can support your child's learning together!

To find out more about the IEYC, please visit: www.greatlearning.com/ieyc

As always, we welcome any support or suggestions, which you may have.

The pictures of this activity will be uploaded on the school website www.utpalshanghvischool.com - Gallery-Events-Images. As always, we would welcome parent involvement for talks, demonstrations, special visits or any kind of support or suggestions which you may have to enrich teaching learning process.

Yours faithfully,
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