



Ocean wave

This half term,
our **LEARNING**
SKILL is
TEAMWORK !

September 2020

Message from the Principal – Mrs Quarrie

Welcome Back !

What a proud moment to see so many of our children returning to school so confidently and so happy to be here! We have all had our very own experiences of Lockdown and our Belonging Week really brought us all together (socially distanced and in bubbles!) as a team. We are working hard to support well-being and to ensure each child feels confident and secure as they familiarise themselves again with the routines and expectations of school life. I have to say, the children are really doing us proud!

We are encouraging our children to develop their learning behaviours and this half term our **LEARNING SKILL** is **Teamwork**. I have seen so many examples already of how working together can produce such positive outcomes academically, emotionally and socially – especially under the restrictions of working in bubbles.

OUR LEARNING SKILLS ARE:

TEAMWORK	RESPECT	INDEPENDENCE	RESILIENCE	COMMUNICATION	SELF-MOTIVATION
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I have asked all parents / carers to wear masks when on school grounds and I would like to thank the majority who have supported us with this. Keeping everyone safe is our priority and socially distancing and wearing masks really can help save lives. We would appreciate your ongoing support with this. If you are exempt from wearing a mask, please can you make staff on the school gate aware. Thank you as ever.

A huge thank you for sending your children into school looking so smart and in line with the uniform policy set in 2015. This has really enhanced our feeling of belonging and gives us all a real sense of pride that we belong to Ocean academy. Our uniform list can be found on the school website if you do need further information. The new PE T shirts look fantastic and the children are proud to belong to their house team. Please do not send children in with any other coloured t shirts or patterns/logos.

We are all really looking forward to another fantastic year and you will have the opportunity to speak to your child's class teacher via phone call in our parent consultations to discuss how your child has settled back into school. Please sign up for a slot as we really do appreciate the opportunity to speak to you in person.

Stay safe!

Best wishes

J. Quarrie



Reminder!

School Office

Welcome back! It is so nice to see everyone back and to hear chatting, laughing and see smiling faces! We open every morning from 0830 where Mrs Fudge and Mrs Burry will be able to answer any questions you may have! Please could we ask that social distancing is maintained in the foyer with one parent at a time. Lots of enquiries can be answered by email office@ocean-aspirations.org in the first instance or by calling 01202 606888. If your child is not in for any reason please email or phone otherwise we will be calling you! Please make sure if medication should be in school it is prescribed and clearly labelled as well as all uniform items. We do hold a very small supply of uniform in school. Please make contact with Mrs Fudge who runs the school uniform or order online via Brigade. School lunches can all be booked online with a three week menu option. Data accuracy is essential please so if anything changes please advise us!😊😊

Year 3 Updates

We are so privileged to have such a wonderful new cohort of Year 3s join us this year. Despite the challenges of lockdown and an unusual transition, they have joined us with beaming smiles and a positive attitude to school life. Thank you for your support with ensuring your children arrive in smart, named uniform; the children are embracing our ethos of '*dress smart, think smart*'.

We started the new school year with '**Belonging**' as a focus, answering the driving question: "**What must I know and do to be successful at Ocean Academy?**" The children have been introduced to our school rules, guiding principles (*self-worth, engagement, purpose*), Growth Mindset and learning skills (*teamwork* is our Autumn 1 focus).

We were lucky enough in the first week to be visited by the education team at AFC Bournemouth to have a workshop on teamwork and we enjoyed the team building activities outdoors. We also walked up to Seaview viewpoint as part of our geography topic looking at the local area and all the adults were so impressed with the children's behaviour on this trip. In maths, we have started our topic on place value and begun focusing on our times tables practice. In English, we enjoyed the 'wolf' retelling his version of events in '*The true story of the three little pigs*'. The children are excited to begin learning Spanish as well as their creative curriculum, where they received a visit from a local architect as part of their DT project.

Well done for having such a super start to your time at Ocean!
Year 3 team 😊

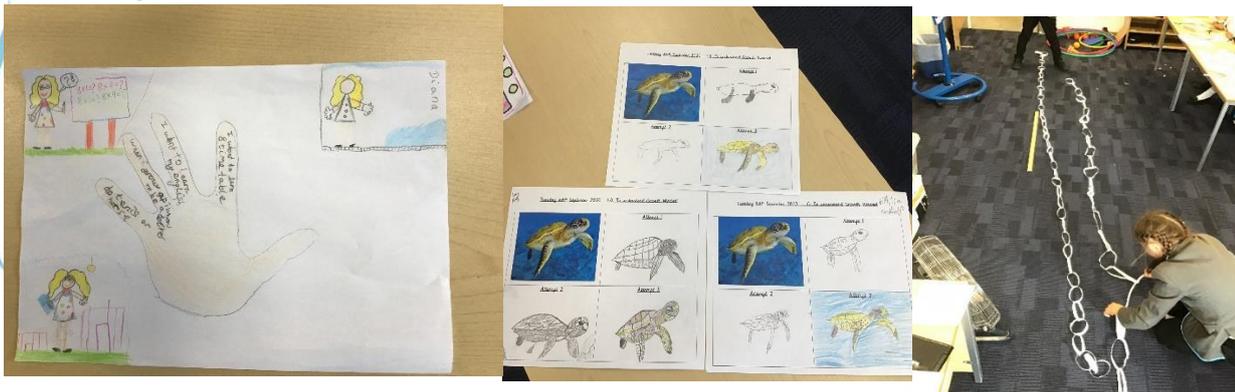
Year 4 Updates

Firstly we want to say a massive well done to all the children. They have come back into school with a positive attitude and have adapted to the changes really well. We have had a great first week back, settling back in and getting used to the daily routines. This week we have completed some lovely **well being** and team work activities. Some of the activities included talking about our future goals and aspirations. We talked about quick goals we could achieve in English and maths and what skills we would need to accomplish them including resilience and determination. We also thought about long term aspirations, what we would like to become when we are older and also a personal goal that we would like to achieve outside of school. We talked about what we can do now that will set us on track to achieve them even though they cannot be achieved quickly. We presented our goals and aspirations on our own hand print.

Other fun activities have included a problem solving activity where the children were given a piece of paper and had to try and create the longest paper chain. They had to think about the sizes and how to get the most out of 1 piece of paper using problem solving skills and adapting their ideas when it was not working as well as they had hoped.

We have thought about growth mind-set and what this means to us as learners. We set the children the task of drawing a picture of their class animal. Then we did multiple attempts in order to improve upon our first drawing. This was a great activity for thinking positively and identifying the skills needed to improve our learning.

It has been a great start to the school year and we look forward to a fun packed year with lots of amazing learning and new opportunities.



Year 4 Team

Year 5 Updates

We are so pleased to have welcomed back Year 5 to school after what has been a long six months. They are so excited to be back with their friends and get stuck into their learning. They look so smart in their uniform and always have such big smiles on their faces. Despite all the changes to the usual school time table, the children have settled in nicely and adapted quickly. We have been discussing what a growth mindset is, and why it is important to display this in our learning. The children are eager to face any challenge put in front of them, even if it appears tricky. Our favourite phrase is 'I can't do it yet!'.

We have begun learning about South America and the Amazon rainforest. The children are excited to be using the Leitner system, which helps move knowledge from our working memory to our long term memory, by revisiting facts and information regularly. The children have also enjoyed reading 'The Explorer' and joining a group of children on their adventure through the Amazon. In maths, we have been focusing reasoning through place value, along with our daily arithmetic questions.

We are looking forward to the exciting learning opportunities later in the term! 😊

Year 5 Team

Year 6 Updates

Welcome back Year 6! The children have made an excellent start to the year. Having been away from school for so long, staff are encouraged to see the cohort return with such an excited and positive attitude.

We have had a fun and engaging start to the year: children have been provided with a range of activities to help them reacquaint with school-life and support their wellbeing on return to school. Our current topic focuses on the continent of North America. The children have been practising reciting the continent's countries and capital cities with the aim of committing this knowledge to their long-term memory. If you get a chance, quiz your child on the countries and capitals of North America! Since returning, the children have tackled the challenging 2016 SATs paper. This has given them a feel for what the real thing will be like in May and, importantly, provided teachers with a very good understanding of the pupils' strengths and areas for development. This enables us to provide a much more personalised curriculum - one that is more accurately suited to your child's current needs. It has been a great start to the year; staff are impressed with the behaviour and attitude of the children. Considering the circumstances, they have settled into school-life quickly and the outlook for the year is looking positive.



Year 6 team

Learning Journey Maps

REMEMBER MORE, UNDERSTAND MORE, APPLY MORE

To support your child with their learning, we have put copies of our learning journey maps onto the school website. They are a comprehensive resource and show parents exactly what the children are learning and in which term.

Our Curriculum

Please go to the website and click on [Our Curriculum](#) followed by the year group. Scroll down and the **Learning Journey Map** for that year group will be there.

YEAR 3: AUTUMN 2 – TIMECOP
SCIENCE: Animals including humans

UNDERSTAND, DESCRIBE AND EXPLAIN: KEY KNOWLEDGE

Activity	Process (how we eat)	Respiration	Food	Water	Air
Eating	Digesting	Breathing	Proteins	Vitamins	None
Food & Vegetables	Carbohydrates	None	Fats	None	Minerals
					Healthy

Nutrition in animals including humans:

Living things need food to grow and to be strong and healthy. Plants can make their own food through photosynthesis, but animals cannot. Animals, including humans, need 3 things to survive: food, water and air. They get this from external sources by eating, drinking and breathing.

Animals, including humans, need to get their nutrition from external sources. They do this by eating and digesting food.

Different foods contain different nutrition, vitamins and minerals. That's why it is so important to have a varied and balanced diet. To remain healthy, animals, including humans, must ensure that they eat a healthy, balanced diet so that their bodies receive the nutrition and water it needs to grow and stay alive. This diagram shows you how much of each food group is necessary for a healthy, balanced diet.

There are 3 major food groups in order of how much you should eat:

- Fruit and Vegetables:** give you lots of vitamins and chemicals called antioxidants which keep you healthy. They are also low in calories but high in fibre to keep your digestive system healthy.
- Carbohydrates:** give us energy, calcium and B vitamins. Wholegrain carbohydrates give us fibre too!
- Dairy:** contains protein and calcium and some vitamins like vitamin B12, vitamin A and vitamin D. Dairy products keep our bones and teeth healthy.
- Proteins:** give us protein, iron and some other vitamins and minerals. This helps the body to grow and repair itself!
- Fats:** These foods give us a lot of energy (calories) but not many nutrients. Junk foods are often high in fat, sugar and salt. It's important not to have too many foods from this group too often.

Different animals need different amounts of each food group and varying amounts of each nutrient, vitamins and minerals to remain healthy. Here are some examples of different animals and their requirements:

Cats: Cats need a high percentage of protein because otherwise they can suffer health issues like **kidney** and **heart** problems. Cats' bodies break down proteins quicker than other animals, so they need more in their diet. Fat is necessary for healthy fur and skin, and to help their **muscles** heal quickly. Cats do not require any fruit.

LEARNING JOURNEY MAPS

We use Learning Journey maps to learn and understand the key knowledge.

Why not use these at home too? Download them here:

Science: Animals Including Humans Y3-6 Autumn 2

History: Year 3-4 Autumn 2

Please see the academy website where there is a great new power point explaining our curriculum and the learning journey for your children.

Golden Book Winners

		<u>11 Sep</u>	<u>18 Sep</u>
Year 3	Dolphins Seahorses	Joshuah/Tia Jack/Connie	Milly/Elise Marie/Charlotte
Year 4	Turtles Penguins Jellyfish	Leo/Charlie Tilda/Barnaby Aaron/Zara	Diana/Joshua Lana/Louiise Annalise/Dominic
Year 5	Orcas Piranhas Seals	Tallulah/Liron Lucy Leo/Lillie-Ann	Aimee/Connor Casey/Sienna Blake/Marshall
Year 6	Barracudas Swordfish Stingrays	Eddie/Ellie Archie/Mali Isla/Ben	Lucas/Lonnie Mitchell/Josie Jaden/Holly

Congratulations! Keep up the hard work and effort!



Attendance



Please see a summary of the classes attendance for September so far. Attendance really does matter as we suggested in a recent letter. Please see a summary of the attendance per class from the start of term.

Year 3	Dolphins	97.88%
	Seahorses	98.32%
Year 4	Turtles	98.50%
	Penguins	93.87%
	Jellyfish	95.74%
Year 5	Orcas	85.97%
	Seals	87.16%
	Piranhas	88.69%
Year 6	Barracudas	86.55%
	Stingrays	82.24%
	Swordfish	83.69%

Well done Year 3!

ATTENDANCE should be 95% and at Ocean we pride ourselves in having excellent attendance. If you have any concerns or questions about attendance, please speak to our attendance lead, Mrs Richardson.

Signs and Symptoms

Please see the table below to guide you through the autumn/winter season. We request a call to the school office or email office@ocean-aspirations.org should you child not feel well enough to attend.

Please DO NOT send your child into school if they have had any sickness or diarrhoea – keep them at home for at least 48 hours

Signs and Symptoms	<u>Cold</u>	Flu (<u>Influenza</u>)	<u>COVID-19</u>
<u>Fever</u>	Mild if present	Often	Often
<u>Fatigue, Tiredness</u>	Occasional, mild	Common	Occasional
<u>Sneezing</u>	Common	Infrequent	Infrequent
Body Aches	Common	Common	Occasional
<u>Headache</u>	Very infrequent	Common	Occasional
<u>Sore Throat</u>	Common	Occasional	Occasional
Stuffy or Runny Nose	Common	Occasional	Infrequent
<u>Diarrhea</u>	No	Occasional	Infrequent
<u>Watery eyes</u>	Common	Common	Infrequent
<u>Cough</u>	Mild	Dry cough	A dry cough, often severe
<u>Shortness of Breath</u>	No	Rare	With mild/moderate infection
Difficulty Breathing*	No	In severe infections*	Common in severe infections*

CPTA : Children, Parent, Teacher Association



Giving our children a voice in all aspects of school life

Our CPTA are still working hard – please get in touch with them if you can help in any way to raise funds for our school.

Please find the CPTA page on the academy website for further details.

Sports news

It was lovely to see in the first week back how many children were trying out for our school squads with loads of great team work and determination. Unfortunately, we are having to cap the number of children at our squads and can not include everyone who shows an interest. Mr White has kept a register and will be reviewing the squads regularly to ensure everyone has a fair opportunity. We are looking forward to the clubs and squads starting again next week.

If you haven't signed up for anything yet, please have a look at our clubs offer on our website:

<https://www.ocean-aspirations.org/parents-information/school-clubs/>

If you have any questions, please speak with the office or Mr White.

Parent Consultations

Please sign up to the parent consultation evenings we are running this term by **telephone appointment only**. They will be run over a 4 week period and 2, 3 or 4 days as below. When booked for a time slot your child's teacher will be contacting you and the call can last up to 10 minutes. Unfortunately missed calls cannot be made later in the evening and it is requested if you book a time - the call is answered. The appointments are bookable on the following link: <https://ocean.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>

Year 3	6 and 7 October
Year 4	29 and 30 September, 1 October
Year 5	13, 14, 15 and 16 October
Year 6	20, 21, 22 October



We look forward to speaking to you!

Ocean Academy Community Spirit Shines!

On Saturday 19th September, a lady fell on the rocks at the back of the Haven Hotel at Sandbanks and broke her leg.

Kristian J and Cameron W rushed to the front entrance of the hotel to get pillows, blankets and ice to comfort the lady while the emergency service arrived. Two ambulance crews and four HM coastguard arrived 20 minutes later to assist.



What heroes! Well done both of you, we are very proud.



Diary Dates

29 September	Individual photos – ALL children should come to school in their complete uniform (even if it is their usual PE day). If it is a PE day, please remind your child to bring their PE kit to school.
21 October	Parents Consultation via telephone call – please book using the online parent booking system
26-30 October	Half term

SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2020-2021

Autumn Term 2020

INSET Day – School Closed	Thursday 3 September 2020
INSET Day – School Closed	Friday 4 September 2020
First Day of School Term	Monday 7 September 2020
Half Term	Monday 26 October–Friday 30 October 2020
INSET Day – School Closed	Friday 20 November 2020
Last Day of Term for Christmas	Friday 18 December 2020 (1pm finish)

Spring Term 2021

First Day of Term	Monday 4 January 2021
Half term Holiday	Monday 15 February – Friday 19 February 2021
Return to school after Half term	Monday 22 February 2021
INSET Day – School Closed	Friday 19 March 2021
Last Day of term for Easter	Thursday 1 April 2021(1pm finish)

Summer Term 2021

First day of Term	Monday 19 April 2021
Bank Holiday	Monday 3 May 2021
Half term Holiday	Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June 2021
Return to school after Half Term	Monday 7 June 2021
INSET Day – School Closed	Friday 25 June 2021
Last Day of term for Summer Holidays	Friday 23 July 2021 (1pm finish)