

# Ocean wave

## September 2022

### Message from the Executive Principal – Mrs Quarrie

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! It is always a special time in the year to welcome our children and families back after the summer break. Your child's school photo will be coming home very soon and they really are a positive reflection of how smart your child looks in their uniform (thank you parents for maintaining such high standards) and just how overall amazing they are!

All of our children have settled back into Ocean life so incredibly well, especially our new Year 3 children who are already showing us what eager, respectful and happy children they all are. They have quickly 'got to grips' with Ocean rules and expectations and are thriving – which is lovely to see.

We are encouraging our children to develop their learning behaviours and this half term our LEARNING SKILL is **Team Work**. We have seen so many examples already of how working together can produce such positive outcomes academically, emotionally and socially.

Our **LEARNING SKILLS** throughout the year are:

|          |         |              |            |               |                 |
|----------|---------|--------------|------------|---------------|-----------------|
| TEAMWORK | RESPECT | INDEPENDENCE | RESILIENCE | COMMUNICATION | SELF-MOTIVATION |
|----------|---------|--------------|------------|---------------|-----------------|

At Ocean, we want our children to have the opportunity to be leaders and to work to support the wider community in a common goal. We have a long list of roles including: Sports Leaders, Digi Leaders, School Council, Eco Leaders, Librarians, Anti Bullying Ambassadors and the Green Team. We also run the Aspirations Aspire Award (please see our website for details).



Look out for the parent consultation evening this term and 'Learning Links' events where you can share in your child's learning and next steps.

Kindest regards

*J. Quarrie*

Mrs J Quarrie  
Executive Principal

## School Office reminders

**Reminder!**

Hot lunch orders should be placed using the School Money system by 0830 on the Monday before the required week and this is the same process for free school meals.

All hot lunch orders can be placed all the way up until the end of term if this is helpful. If you are not receiving emails or texts we may not have your correct details – please let us know as soon as possible.

If your child is unwell or not coming in to school please call before 9.30am and let us know why. We will call/text if your child is not at school. If your child has an appointment during the school day please let us have proof of this in the form of letter, card or show us the text/email. Without this information, your child may have an unauthorised absence recorded. Please try to arrange appointments out of school time where Possible .Thanks for your support!

## Parking Issues



Thank you to everyone who is supporting us and the community in driving and parking safely. As it becomes darker in the evenings and mornings, the weather becomes more inclement it is vital cars enter the site in the mornings slowly and with attention at all times. It is a very busy time. This is the same after school – **there is no parking on the premises unless you have permission.**

We have had reports of parents parking illegally in private driveways, on double yellow lines and other issues that are causing offence to our neighbours, parents and above all the safety of our children.

Please can we emphasise that in the morning we have a drop off zone for your child to be dropped off safely in the permitted zone and they can then walk down the side of the field into school. At the end of the day, unless you have a permit, there is **NO** access to the car park.

## Year 3 Updates

What a super start to life at Ocean it has been for Year 3. The children all look so smart in their uniforms and come in every morning with a smile on their faces. They have thrown themselves into learning.

We have been learning all about a Growth Mindset and the power of 'yet', making anything possible. The children have been trying really hard to apply this to all elements of their learning, particularly as we start our place value learning in maths and begin learning about word classes in English. We have begun our topic 'Destination UK', and have learnt about the seven continents and five oceans of the world and used an atlas to locate and label these on a world map. We have also used an atlas and Digimaps to locate Poole and Dorset. We look forward to learning all about tourism and how tourism impacts our local area.

Well done Year 3 for a fantastic start to life at Ocean Academy. We are so proud of each and every one of you! Keep up the super work.

**The Year 3 Team**



## Year 4 Updates

What a brilliant start to Year 4 we have had! The children have all come back from the summer break keen and ready to learn and have demonstrated such impeccable behaviour already.

In English, we have started our persuasive writing topic, focusing on our class text 'Toro Toro'. As a class, we worked together to identify a range of persuasive language features in our model text. In maths, we have started our learning on place value and have learned how to round numbers to the nearest 10 and 100. We have been embedding our arithmetic skills through daily sessions.

Times tables are also a big focus in Year 4. Please keep practising these with your child at home whenever possible. It is such an important skill and is used frequently in our maths learning. Topmarks' 'Hit the Button' and TTRockstars are just two excellent resources you can use at home to do this.

We have also started our topic 'Italy'. The children have enjoyed identifying different countries and capital cities within Europe and more specifically, the location of Italy. We have so many more exciting learning experiences lined up for this year and cannot wait to get started.

### The Year 4 Team



## Year 5 Updates

We have been really impressed with the way year 5 have returned to school this academic year. They have thrown themselves into their learning and have already shown some great knowledge and understanding.

Our first week back was a Belonging week which gave us all – adults and children – a chance to get to know each other, meeting and working with new classmates and teachers. Excellent Growth Mindsets were shown as we created our own motivational posters and took part in our first independent writes of the year – lots of promising initial signs seen! We also launched our first topic of the year, based around our driving question "Why is the Amazon Rainforest important to the world and should we be doing more to protect it?" We kicked this off with an exciting orienteering session in the school hall, using compasses, instructions and information to hunt down and then identify different rainforest animals, followed by a chance to learn about some of those interesting creatures in the afternoon.

Since then, we have begun our learning for the year in earnest, exploring different types of sentence structures in English, whilst in maths we have been exploring various place value concepts – including ordering, comparing and rounding numbers – alongside lots of useful arithmetic practice, which will continue to be a big focus this year. In between this, we have even found time to get creative, experimenting with making our own self-portraits in the style of Frida Kahlo, the Mexican surrealist painter.

It has been lovely to start meeting you all at pick up time over these first few weeks. If you ever have any questions about anything, do please come and speak to us at the end of the day or send in an email and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

### Year 5 Team



## Year 6 Updates

Welcome back Year 6! We have had an excellent first month and Year 6 are proving themselves to be the school's role models. Pupils have had a good attitude upon return to school and they have been made aware that this good behaviour earns their teachers' trust and enables them to afford pupils more freedom and responsibility.

Our autumn topic focuses on the continent of North America. Pupils have been learning about the economy of the USA and recently enjoyed researching the economic activity across various US states. Children learned that a strong economy is key to a prosperous society. To help embed this understanding, spend time at home discussing the different jobs behind some of the goods and services that you use as a family.

Year 6 recently enjoyed a visit from Wessex Water. Pupils learned about climate change, water treatment and the human impact on the water cycle. Tim from Wessex Water conducted some experiments with the children where they investigated whether the water samples were from the tap, rain or a stream. It helped children understand the effort involved in treating water and how fortunate we are to be supplied with it.

The first Dorset Coding Day was well-received. We had an online lesson with a computing expert who showed us how to use Edublocks to create a basic webpage. Edublocks is a free-to-use website that teaches basic coding skills; an important skill set for this generation. The website has some resources and tutorials to get children interested. It also mentions the BBC Micro:Bit and Raspberry Pi, two inexpensive devices that could foster a lifelong love of coding. Speak to Mr Lee if your child is interested and he can point you in the right direction.

It has been a great start - onwards and upwards from here on!

### Year 6 Team



Coding pictures and Wessex Water visit (below):



## Reminder about PE Uniform

- Academy logo, house colour T shirt
- Plain black shorts
- **Plain** black or navy tracksuit may be worn in cold weather
- Trainers for games skills indoors or out
- An optional Ocean black drawstring PE bag can be purchased or other drawstring named bag.
- Long / shoulder length hair must be tied back and no jewellery or watches worn. Please remove earrings at home on PE days
- **A reminder PE days are on the following days. Children need to bring their PE kit into school to get changed into:**

Monday Year 6  
 Tuesday Year 3  
 Thursday Year 5  
 Friday Year 4



### Golden Book Winners



Congratulations to all the winners!

| Year 3    | Sharks      | Seahorses    | Dolphins      |
|-----------|-------------|--------------|---------------|
| 9 Sep 22  | Eleni/Simon | Kai/Dominic  | Wanda/Hermia  |
| 16 Sep 22 | Lyra/Brody  | Rayon/Iyla   | Fia/Eva       |
| 23 Sep 22 | Elvis/Rhys  | Grace/Olivia | Ashton/Amelia |

| Year 4    | Turtles        | Penguins       | Jellyfish     |
|-----------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| 9 Sep 22  | Eva/Mark       | Elijah/Alyssa  | Ava/Amy       |
| 16 Sep 22 | Declan/Tommy   | Sophie/Holly   | Milan/Rocco   |
| 23 Sep 22 | Yasmina/Nicole | Dexter/Harriet | Archie/Darcie |

| Year 5    | Orcas         | Seals         |
|-----------|---------------|---------------|
| 9 Sep 22  | Miriam/Kyrylo | Carla/Harry   |
| 16 Sep 22 | Jacob/Nola    | Mia/Adam      |
| 23 Sep 22 | Elise/Finlay  | Gabriela/Leon |

| Year 6    | Barracudas    | Swordfish      | Stingrays    |
|-----------|---------------|----------------|--------------|
| 9 Sep 22  | Tia/Marley    | McKenzie/Bella | Zak/Scarlett |
| 16 Sep 22 | Athena/Harvey | Leo/Emelia     | Izzy/Poppy   |
| 23 Sep 22 | Bianca/Lara   | Ocean/Abhineet | Amelia/Theo  |

### Children, Parent, Teacher Association - CPTA



Please try and support our CPTA with the valuable work they do – however big or small your commitment can be, it really does help with raising valuable funds for our children. We are holding our **AGM on Monday 3 October**. Please join us. We look forward to seeing new faces and welcome new ideas.

Thank you for your support!

### Attendance

| Year   | Class      | Attendance % |
|--------|------------|--------------|
| Year 3 | Dolphins   | 97.02        |
|        | Seahorses  | 95.23        |
|        | Sharks     | 97.04        |
| Year 4 | Penguins   | 96.17        |
|        | Turtles    | 96.15        |
|        | Jellyfish  | 97.60        |
| Year 5 | Orcas      | 96.29        |
|        | Seals      | 92.18        |
| Year 6 | Barracudas | 95.35        |
|        | Stingrays  | 97.16        |
|        | Swordfish  | 94.39        |

These figures are taken for the period 5 September to 22 September! Please read the Attendance matters letter we sent out last week as it contains lots of information about attendance.



## Bikeability

Congratulations to the following children who successfully passed their level 1 and 2 Bikeability between 19-23 September.

Filip, Keira, Leo, Warren, Freya, Immie, Tyler, Tia, Milly.



We will be emailing out details of our next course in the spring.

## Diary Dates

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|----------------|--|
| 29 September   | Year 5/6 X Country competition (invitation) Canford school |
| 3 October      | 0930 - New Year 3 parent tours (September 2023)            |
| 4 October      | 0930 - New Year 3 parent tours (September 2023)            |
| 5 October      | 0930 - New Year 3 parent tours (September 2023)            |
| 11 October     | Flu immunisations at Ocean                                 |
| 12 October     | 0930 - New Year 3 parent tours (September 2023)            |
| 13 October     | 0930 - New Year 3 parent tours (September 2023)            |
| 17 October     | 0930 - New Year 3 parent tours (September 2023)            |
| 18 October     | 0930 - New Year 3 parent tours (September 2023)            |
| 19 October     | Year 5 Marwell Zoo trip                                    |
| 24-28 October  | Half term (children finish at 15.20 on Friday 21 October)  |
| 10 November    | Open Evening for new Year 3 September 2023 5.00-6.00pm     |
| 23 November    | Parent Consultations – further details to follow           |
| 25 November    | Inset day – school closed                                  |
| 7 December     | Christmas lunch – further details to follow                |
| 16 December    | School ends for Christmas holiday – 1300 collection        |
| 3 January 2023 | Inset day – school closed                                  |
| 4 January 2023 | Welcome back – Spring Term 2023                            |