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# 'Lunch at the Lighthouse'

## Magenta Class

### First-Half Autumn Term

Welcome to Year 2; we hope you all had a great holiday. This half term our theme will be 'Lunch at the Lighthouse'. We shall be discussing what a force is, how a force can alter speed and direction; we will be investigating pulleys and how they work and make our own pulley systems. Also we will be designing our own sandwiches. Our role play area is a lighthouse on the rocks- to link in with the story- The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch.

We have P.E. on Tuesday and Thursday. Children should bring P.E. kits in on Mondays and take them home to be washed on Fridays. **Please also ensure that earrings are not worn on P.E. days.** Also please ensure that your child wears the correct school uniform everyday.



Thank you for class fund contributions to date. This voluntary contribution of 50p a week helps us to buy things such as ingredients for cooking, play dough and other tactile items.

In Literacy we shall be studying stories with familiar settings; the class will identify key characters and predict character actions and events that follow. The children will then write their own familiar stories based on known experiences. We will also be studying instructions; children will be able to follow, give and read instructions, understanding the importance of the sequencing order.

In Numeracy we shall be focusing on numbers up to 100 through counting, partitioning, addition and subtraction. We will be comparing and measuring using rulers and scales. We will also explore the properties of 2d and 3d shapes and will be able to sort items to a given criteria then present in a pictogram and then ask and answer questions about the results.

We look forward to a productive and enjoyable half term and your support is much appreciated.

# Things to do at home!

Below are a few suggestions that you might like to do with your child, but please feel free to add to these ideas. Children are encouraged to bring any learning carried out at home to share with the class.

Maths games will continue to be sent home each Thursday, please return on Mondays.

Spellings will be sent home on Mondays - please practise these through the week as we have a spelling quiz on Fridays.

Visit the playground and talk about pushes and pulls- which way is easier to move? Does the harder you push or pull affect the speed? Is it easy to change directions?

Continue to read each evening with your child, please comment or tick the box in the yellow reading record book so we know you have finished with the book.

Visit a local library and read books about islands, lighthouses, boats, seagulls etc...

Practise saying what the digits in 2 digit numbers stand for; eg. 64 means sixty (6 tens) and 4 units. Try different numbers.

How could you make your own pulley system- can you lift heavy things using a hook and string?

Make up a story about living on your own island- what would you take with you? What shelter would you have? What would you do all day? Make a map of your island.

Practise counting in 1s, 2s 5s and 10s. Start from different numbers.

Paint, draw or write about a seaside experience or design a seaside sandwich!

Here are some useful websites; [www.ictgames.com.uk](http://www.ictgames.com.uk)

[www.coxhoe.co.uk](http://www.coxhoe.co.uk) [www.bbc.co.uk/schools](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools)