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**The Federation of George Betts and Shireland Hall Primary Academies**

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**This Half Term's Learning – Reception (Spring One)**

Dear Families,

Our curriculum is predominantly driven by your child's interests and so this half term, we will be learning all about the topic: **Under The Sea**. To help your child learn about this we will be learning through play.

<b>Literacy</b>	We will be reading the poetry book 'Commotion in the Ocean' and composing our own poems. We will also be using our phonic skills to write labels, lists and captions.
<b>Maths</b>	We will be learning to recognise and describe 2d shapes, and creating repeating patterns. We will be learning about measures including; length, capacity and weight. We will also be using a number line to count on and back in order to solve problems involving addition and subtraction.
<b>Personal, Social &amp; Emotional Development</b>	Children will be encouraged to explain knowledge and understanding, ask appropriate questions of others and take steps to resolve conflicts with other children.
<b>Communication &amp; Language</b>	Children will be encouraged to use language to imagine and recreate roles and experiences in play situations, extending the children's vocabulary through familiar and new experiences.
<b>Physical Development</b>	Playing racing and chasing games with other children and ball games to develop hand-eye coordination. We will also be developing finger strength to support letter formation.
<b>Understanding the World</b>	Through the topic of 'Under the Sea', children will develop an understanding of similarities and differences in relation to places, objects, materials and living things. We will also be encouraging care and concern for living things and the environment.
<b>Expressive Arts &amp; Design</b>	We will be learning to select tools and techniques needed to shape, assemble and join materials we are using. We will also create simple representations of events, people and objects.

**Dates for diary:**

Hands and Teeth Talk: Monday 13th January

Whole school Panto: Monday 20th January

Art Day: Friday 7th February

If you have any questions, as always, please come and see a member of the EYFS team.

Yours Sincerely,

Miss Khalil and Mrs Foden, Reception Class Teachers