Atlantic Academy
PRESENTS



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We're thrilled to welcome Seahorse class into Year 1 and can't wait to dive into a fantastic year of learning, exploring, and growing together.

We're starting the year with our topic, 'Our Portland, Our Ocean'. To launch our learning, we'll be heading to the lighthouse for a picnic and coastal walk. The children will explore the shoreline, soak up the seaside scenery, and share a picnic together as we set sail on our learning journey about our island and the sea that surrounds it.

PE lessons will take place every Wednesday. Children should come to school in their usual uniform and bring their PE kit in a clearly labelled bag, ready to change during the day. Please ensure all items are named so nothing gets lost.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do get in touch. We're always here to support you and your little Seahorses as they swim confidently through Year 1.

Miss Neve & Mrs Sanderson

OUR DRIVING QUESTION:

Why is Portland a unique place to live?

AS WRITERS we will be focussing on our text 'Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' and 'The Pink Pippos of Portland'. We will be using our phonetic knowledge to write sentences that can be read by others.

AS MATHEMATICIANS we start by looking at place value to ten, begin addition and subtraction, and continue building our number knowledge.

AS GEOGRAPHERS we will be becoming cartographers and using directional language to navigate maps of our local area. We will also be exploring oceans and continents.

AS COMPUTER SCIENTISTS we will be exploring to keep safe using technology and become ESAFE.

AS ARTISTS we'll explore Mandy Evans' Under the Ocean triptych and experiment with colour using poster paints, crayons, chalk, pencils, and felt tips.

AS SCIENTISTS explore how our bodies use the five senses to explore the world around us. We will also begin our exciting year-long investigation into the seasons.

AS CITIZENS (PSHCE) we will be focusing on belonging and what makes a good citizen.

AS RELIGIOUS INVESTIGATORS we will be learning all about Judaism, including why the Torah is so important and what is Passover.

AS SPORTS STARS we will be continuing our journey to becoming great athletes by perfecting our Fundamental Movement Skills, ensuring we can competently and confidently tackle any activity.

As MUSICIANS we will be learning the 'Menu Song' and listening to the beat, timbre, tempo, dynamics and pitch of classical music.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- PE is on **Wednesday.**
- Please read with your child everyday and sign their reading record.
- Every child must have a clear drink bottle that can be refilled with water.



Termly homework

Please choose at least two of these projects to complete at home and bring into school to display.

Home Task: Go on tour of Portland	Conduct a survey of the traffic outside your house or on a nearby busier road. Can you record your results as a pictogram?	Go on a maths outdoor treasure hunt. Can you find some natural objects to represent numbers to 10?
Write a shopping list for the ingredients you would put in your favourite sandwich.	Make a model of a Portland landmark.	Talk to someone at home about what makes your home or neighbourhood special. Draw or write about your favourite place nearby and why you like it.
Imagine you are staying in a lighthouse. Write a postcard to a friend or family member describing what you see, hear, and do.	Make a poster about how you can be safe when using a device.	**Home Task:** Visit Portland Library and take out your very own home reading book.