



Pluto Class Newsletter – Summer Term 6 June/July 2026

Dear Pluto Class Parents/Carers,

It is the final term of the year, and it is jam packed full of exciting learning opportunities. We will be continuing with the theme of 'Our Wonderful World' and answering the question 'What might I find...at the seaside?' We will be starting with what we find when we are at the seaside and on the shoreline, exploring the deeper depths of the oceans and its creatures and begin to understand the issues of plastic pollution on our world. In phonics we will be consolidating our phase 4 learning and beginning to learn new Phase 5 graphemes ready for Year 1. We will be reading with confidence and beginning to comprehend what we read. In English, we will be learning to write more wonderful sentences using correct punctuation and spelling accurately. In our handwriting, we will be continuing to secure our letter size, ensuring 'tall' letters sit tall and in Maths, we will be securing our number bonds to 5 and 10 including doubles as well as exploring money and problem-solving skills.



We will be learning and using new vocabulary across the term. Please support your child to use this language when talking about their learning at home.

Curriculum Vocabulary				
Shore	UV rays	Ocean	Coral Reef	Transition
Crustaceans	Souvenir	Trawler	Pollution	Value (money)

Last term....

We were extremely excited to have our very own caterpillars and lucky enough to observe through their life cycle.



The tiny 4mm caterpillars grew to almost 40mm! Then went to sleep in their chrysalis and in the last week of term, began to emerge. Sadly, only one of the butterflies fully emerged, but Mrs O'Neil took a photo of the beautiful Painted Lady, to share with the children, upon their return to school. 🦋



WOW!

This week we will launch our new learning question 'What might I find at the seaside? The children will have the chance to paddle their toes, play in the sand and be Ice cream critiques, planning, making and of course testing their very own ice cream creations!

Can you help us?

We would love to ignite the children's interests and explore the seaside of the past with them. If you or your parents have any photos and memories you would be willing to share of your seaside trips and adventures as children, please get in touch. We would love for you to share them either on dojo or even better, in person.



If you would be willing to donate any of the following items this term, we would be incredibly grateful.

- Bags of play sand
- Old pairs of sunglasses
- Small hand luggage sized bags / suitcases



- Empty and washed Suntan Spray Bottles

Transition into Year 1

This term, we will be continuing to support your child with transition into Year 1. Within our close school family, your child is already knowing the Key Stage 1 staff, are familiar with the environment and comfortable with school routines. We aim for all our children to 'move on' with confidence and excitement to continue their learning journey and the transition between Reception and Year 1 is as important as their transition into school, last year. Along with a number of events, detailed below, we will be ensuring your child has a smooth and happy transition by talking about 'moving on,' building relationships with children and staff and preparing them for the different routines that a Key Stage 1 learning environment brings.

Each week, during this term, a number of events are organised to support your child become familiar with the idea of moving on.

- Miss Ali will be visiting Pluto Class, to read stories and get to know your child better.
- Your child and their Year 1 buddy will be getting to know each other through friendship games, play and learning together within both Pluto and Mars classrooms. Your child will also continue to have opportunities to learn together in PE and practise for sports day.
- On the mornings of Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd July, your child will 'move up' to Mars class to be with Miss Ali, Mrs Cobb, and their buddies.

As parents/carers you will also have many questions and your support to ensure a happy transition is important to us. We would like to welcome you to a 'Meet the teacher' session on Wednesday 8th July 3:20 – 3:40pm. Miss Ali and Miss Hobbs will be on hand to explain the transition process, which extends into September and beyond. We will be able to share the expectations of the National Curriculum and how best to support your child and Miss Ali will be able to tell you what will happen on a daily / weekly basis within Mars class. There will also be an opportunity for you to ask questions – no question is too silly!



PE Day Change

Our PE Days this term will be every **Wednesday** and **Friday**. Please ensure hair is tied up and PE uniform is worn to school on these days. Thank you.

Poetry Recital

All year we have been learning different rhymes and poems. You are invited to come and watch us perform our poems in a recital assembly on Wednesday 24th June, 2:45pm.

Homework

This term, with transition into Year 1 in mind, we ask that you support your child to complete the following home learning tasks.

Daily Reading - Please read at home with your child every day and sign your child's yellow reading record



when you have listened to them read and have asked them some comprehension questions about their book. Each read logged in your child's reading record (one read per day or two reads, if one has been logged at school by staff), counts towards our whole school Reading Awards. Please return the book and the reading record in your child's book bag each day.

Spelling – This term we are continuing to focus on the words that are irregular to read and spell as well as the most common one hundred words that your child is most likely to use when reading and writing. A list of words will be sent home each week. Please support your child to learn to spell these words accurately.

Library books will continue to be sent home on a Friday and returned to school by the following Friday.

Summer Weather



Pluto class children have constant access to our outside area and are outside learning a lot of the time. Please apply any sun cream before school and a named sun hat/cap is advised to have in school. Please can you check all jumpers and cardigans still have your child's name clearly written. As the school day warm up, the jumpers come off! And this helps us to make sure your child returns home with the correct uniform.



Father's Day Den Building

To celebrate Fathers' Day, we would like to welcome fathers or grandfathers to a fun den building session on the school field. This will follow our Sports Day Picnic during the afternoon of Thursday 25th June. The session will last approximately one hour, and Pluto children and their siblings will be able to leave after this event.

Please let us know, via class dojo, if you can attend and if any siblings will be taken before the end of the school day.



Celebrating Achievements:



As before, a Wow message will come home in their book bags this week, please complete it if you feel there is something WOW that you would like to share about your child. We look forward to receiving and sharing them.

During our assembly time on a Wednesday, we celebrate personal achievements in art, science, and technology. If your child has been working on a project at home that demonstrates their school values in action, for example a special piece of artwork, a craft project, a Lego design model, and they would like to showcase it, please send us a Dojo message so that we can arrange for your child to celebrate their achievement with the rest of the school.

During our Thursday 'Stars Assembly,' we will continue to celebrate sporting achievements, both in and out of school. Please send your child's certificate/medal into school with them on a Thursday.

Dates for the diary!

- Thursday 18th June – Class Photos and Whole School Photo
- Wednesday 24th June – 2:45pm - Pluto Class Poetry Recital Assembly to parents
- Thursday 25th June- AM - Sports Day and Family Picnic
- Thursday 25th June -1:15pm – 2:15pm – Father's Den Building fun.
- Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd July – 'Move Up' to Mars Class.
- Wednesday 8th July 3:20 – 3:40pm – 'Meet the Teacher' – Moving to Year 1 information session in Mars Class.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are always available in person before or after school and via the Class Dojo app.

Kind regards

Miss Hobbs, Mrs Pearce, Mrs George, and Mrs O'Neil