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Dear Families,

Year 5 Visit to Blue Reef Aquarium in Portsmouth

As part of our “Why do oceans matter?” geography topic in the spring term, Year 5 will be visiting the **Blue Reef Aquarium in Portsmouth on Tuesday 1st April 2025.**

Blue Reef Aquarium will be an excellent and exciting opportunity for the children to experience a fun and educational day, exploring the diversity of marine life from the British coast to the Mediterranean and beyond. The children will have the chance to learn about and discover a wide range of sea creatures, including rays, eels, seahorses, and tropical fish. They will also learn about the importance of marine conservation in an Eco-Awareness workshop.

We also hope to spend some time on the beach, but we will send more details about this nearer the time. We will be leaving school by 8.50am, so children will need to arrive promptly for registration. We will open the gates early at 8.30am for Year 5 pupils, and we will confirm details closer to the trip. We will be leaving Portsmouth at 2pm and anticipate arriving back at school by 3.20pm. If we are delayed, we will inform parents as soon as we are able.

The cost of this activity is £22.85. All payments should be made via Scopay, so please submit your payment and your consent by Friday 7th March 2025. Unfortunately, the school has no other means of paying for this visit and so, unless ALL contributions are received by the deadline, the trip will have to be cancelled. You are able to pay in two instalments if you prefer.

We would also like to take the opportunity to enjoy an ice lolly on the beach before we leave, your child may bring £1.50 with them. This money will be your child’s responsibility throughout the duration of the trip and may only be used to purchase an ice cream or an ice lolly, we will not be visiting the gift shop.

If your child is entitled to free school meals and you would like the school kitchen to provide your child with a packed lunch for this visit please contact the school office. Orders will not be accepted after Friday 7th May 2025.

Thank you for your support

The Year 5 Team.

YEAR 5
Blue Reef Aquarium
Portsmouth
Tuesday 1st April 2025

The visit takes place outside so your child will need the following for this visit:

- Packed lunch (please ensure containers are unbreakable)***
- Refillable water bottle**
- To wear full school uniform**
- Warm waterproof jacket with a hood, if the weather is cold/wet**
- Bag/Rucksack**

*If your child is entitled to Free School Meals, and normally has a school meal, please indicate that you would like a packed lunch.

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Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

- My child is eligible for free school meals and I will require school to provide a packed lunch for this visit.**

Please select: Cheese / Ham / Tuna

Signed: _____ Parent/Guardian

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