



Foundation Stage News

St Francis Class

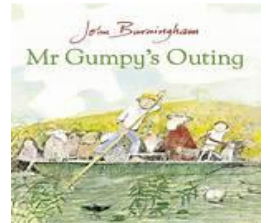
Week Beginning: 16/6/25

We are all very much enjoying our topic of 'Beside the Seaside.'

For the next few weeks we are focussing on sea poetry. We will be reading a range of poems about the sea and sea creatures. We will then be writing our own poem.

We are also going to be looking in detail at boats. The book that will help us with our learning is 'Mr Gumpy's Outing' by John Burningham.

We will be exploring materials to find out about floating and sinking and then designing and making our own boats, like Mr Gumpy's boat.



The phonics we will be learning are:-

wh, ph, ew, oe, au, ey,
a_e, e_e

We are learning that two letters that make one sound are called '**digraphs**'. We are also learning that three letters that make one sound are called '**trigraphs**'. We

are learning about '**split digraphs**' like **a_e** in words such as b-a-k-e.

We are working on using our letter sound knowledge independently in our reading and writing.



Please use the links below to watch video clips which may help you with how to 'say the sounds' if you are unsure:

[Phase 2 Pronunciation on Vimeo](#)
[Phase 3 Pronunciation \(vimeo.com\)](#)
[Phase 5 Pronunciation on Vimeo](#)

Maths:

In Maths we have been learning how to use mapping skills to build and describe using positional vocabulary. For example 'The shop is **next to** the school'. We have been using the words '**viewpoint**' and '**visualise**' to think about how we look at the map.

visualise



viewpoint



Here is a reminder of how we write our letters in school.

CHALLENGE - Can they have a go at writing our phonics sounds?

