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Wednesday 2nd April 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

Sea Life Centre Visit

To support our topic, 'Splash', we have arranged a very exciting visit to the Southend Sea Life Centre on **Friday 18th July 2025** during the Summer 2 Term.

During the visit, the Reception pupils will be able to learn about sea animals as they journey around the ocean zones. There will also be an opportunity to meet some land animals too including meercats, monkeys and penguins!

Every child will need a packed lunch (no glass bottles or fizzy drinks). Packed lunches should be within a carrier bag or backpack which the children will carry themselves. **If you wish to order a Free School Packed Lunch, please let your child's teacher know by Wednesday 9th July 2025.**

We will also be asking for a handful of parent helpers, if you are able to support, please email admin.da@catrust.org.uk. Parents selected to help will be notified by Friday 27th June 2025.

In line with our Charging and Remissions Policy, the school asks for a voluntary contribution of **£18.50** for each child to cover the costs of the coach and sea life centre entry. No pupil will be excluded from the activity or treated differently because their parents have not made a contribution. However, where there are not enough voluntary contributions to make the activity possible, and there is no way to make up the shortfall, then it will be cancelled. For all school trips / visits, the school must pay the balance on booking, therefore all trips / visits are non-refundable unless cancelled by the school. To support payments, the school will set up a payment plan where parents may choose to pay the entire balance or pay in instalments. **The balance must be paid by Friday 4th July 2025.** The permission consent and the cost of the trip is payable via the Arbor app.

Yours sincerely,

The Reception Team