

# The Coastal Federation

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8 Week Plan - [8weekplan@coastalfederation.com](mailto:8weekplan@coastalfederation.com)

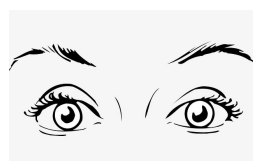
Dear Parents/Carers,

As a Federation of schools, over the next 8 school weeks (1st October - 30th November) we are going to be working on a project together. We often work together as three school staff teams but on this occasion we are also going to involve the children and you, our parents.

Alongside each of the school's priorities, we are starting an intensive piece of work which involves all members of the school; children, staff, Governors and parents. Your child will have been part of an assembly introducing this improvement work, which this term is '**Increase the value given to all areas of learning**' - it will focus on the quality of work in books and predominantly applies to the afternoon learning during thematic/topic work.

English and mathematics are key building blocks for learning and are a huge part of our curriculum but sometimes at the detriment of other important subject areas. We want to increase the status of the foundation subjects (Art, History, PE, Geography, Music, PHSE, RE, Languages, Design Technology, Computing). Whilst we believe we already teach those subjects well, we feel that we can increase the value of those subjects with the children. As a staff team we have enjoyed watching Sir Ken Robinson's videos on how 'Schools kill creativity...' - (not intentionally but through the emphasis of the subjects that are tested by the Government) - if you are interested and have a spare 15 minutes, then [this one is well worth a watch](#) - he is also a very funny and entertaining speaker.

So, how can you help with this 8 week project? As the project evolves there may well be activities or events to get involved in - or pieces of work that the children bring home for completion. The main thing that you can do is to continue to support your child's learning at home - more information on this will be sent home soon. This week the children will be given a baseline survey to help us find out what they think.



**Please turn over and fill in our slip**

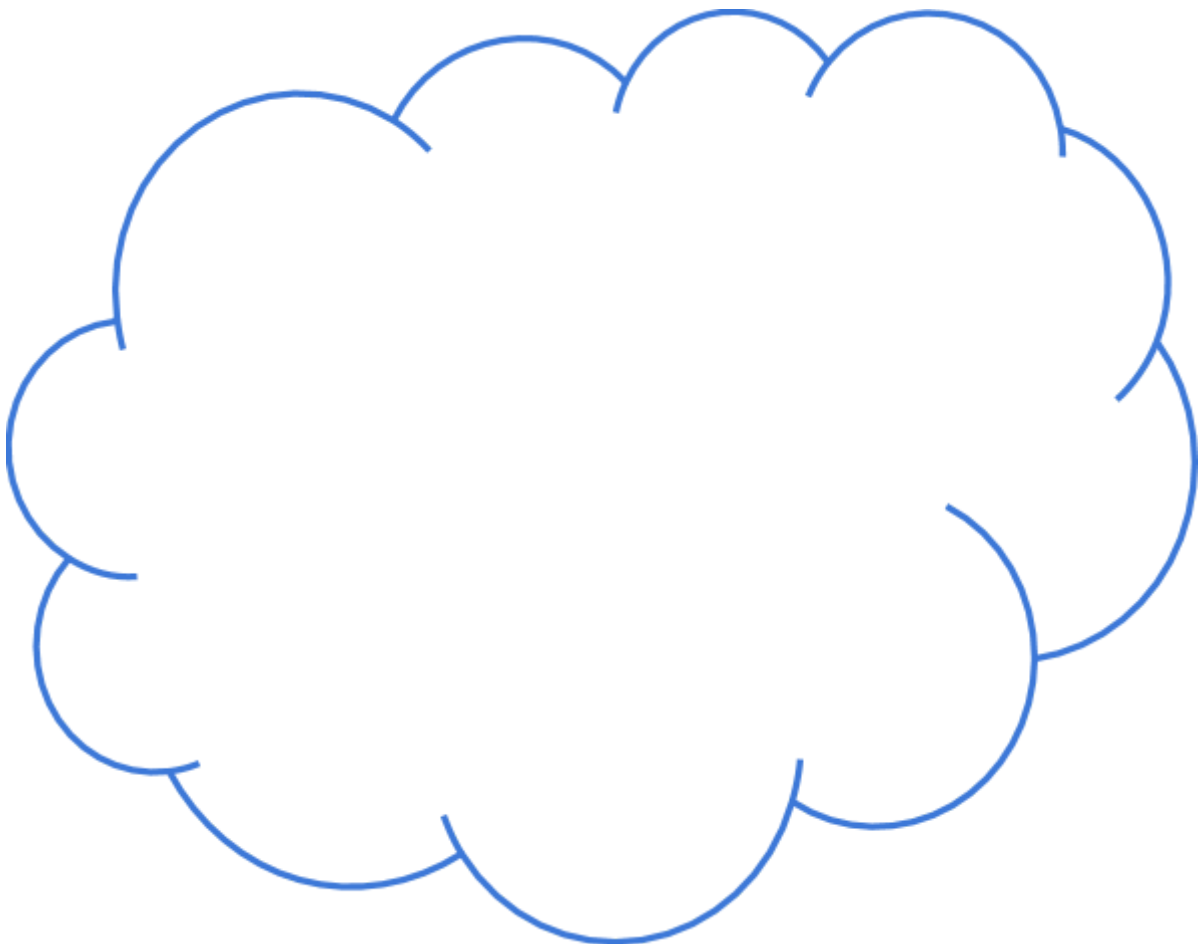
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During our assemblies all of the staff talked very briefly about other skills that they have besides being a teacher or member of support staff - so..... **I'm not just a teacher, I can also.....** We would like to ask the same from you to help build up a display in each of the schools - So..... **I'm not just a parent I am a ... OR I can also .....** We are particularly interested in parents who have also changed careers - so for example, one of our Governors Revd Andrew Jones, used to work in finance before he became a vicar - that sort of thing. Please can you use the slip below and send it in with your child.

.....**snip - snip**.....



# I'm not just a parent ....



I am a .....? OR/and I can do.....?