

Maths

In Maths this half term we will be consolidating our learning, ensuring we have all the skills ready for Year 1. We will continue to develop our knowledge of number composition, learning different ways a number can be made. We will also secure our knowledge of the counting system, of one more and one less, as well as looking at number patterns. The children will also be learning about grouping and sharing as an introduction to multiplication and division.

Literacy

In Literacy this term we will be focusing on poetry and creative writing. The children will begin to expand their descriptive vocabulary by reading, learning off by heart and performing sea poems. They will then have a go at writing some poems of their own. They will be reading texts such as "Commotion in the Ocean" and "The lighthouse keepers lunch"

In phonics, we will consolidate the sounds and tricky words we have learnt throughout the year, ensuring that we can all confidently write sentences independently.

Expressive Arts and Design

Through looking at examples of seascapes, we will further develop our use of different artistic techniques including collages, printing and washes. We will be looking at the works of different artist and talk about our likes and dislikes.

In music, we will be learning to join in with and move to some sea themed songs and rhymes

Understanding the world

As part of our topic, we will be learning about seaside holidays from the past and making comparisons to seaside holidays we might take now.

We will be exploring the natural world around us, making observations and predictions and setting up individual outdoor investigations.

Physical Development

Children will continue to develop their gross motor skills through their P.E. coaching this term. In addition, the children will refine their handwriting style through regular practice and provision. They will strengthen their dexterity through lots of scissor work and finger gym activities. They will practice drawing recognisable shapes to draw sea creatures.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will focus this term on resolving conflict, exploring ways to solve a situation where we have different ideas or opinions. Through class and individual challenges, we will also look to develop our resilience. We will look to encourage ourselves and each other to keep trying even when we find something difficult.

Communication and Language

Through weekly 'show and tell' sessions children will continue to build on their ability to ask and answer relevant questions (please do link their 'show and tell' to the topic where possible). They will build on storytelling skills in literacy as well as extending their historical vocabulary through our topic. We will be practising listening and speaking daily through partner work and asking the children to explain their thinking in all areas of the curriculum.

How can I help at home:

- Continue to read the reading books sent home and record what you have in reading records.
- Practice the sounds and/or tricky words sent home with the reading books.
- Share experiences of going to the seaside. Talk with you child about holidays you went on as a child. Ask grandparents about their holidays.
- Talk with your child about their favourite stories and encourage them to make up stories of their own maybe using toys at bath time. Take turns to say a sentence of a story on long car journeys.
- Share poems and learn some sea songs off by heart (e.g. oh I do like to be beside the seaside)

Possible enrichment activities

- Puppet theatre
- Postcards from the Queen - writing opportunities
- Visit from Queen Wobblebottom who is back from her holiday at the Seaside
- Visit from the seagulls, messages around the classroom to engage reading.

Costumes/Props/Misc:

- Props and costumes for children to dress up as part of the stories.
- See continuous provision

Stimulus (inside classroom)

Role-play area decided and created by the children (Possible old house or castle?)

Exhibition of Learning - Opportunities for Parents to be involved

- Art Exhibition of Children's illustrations and sketch books/Castles
- Dress up day with a medieval supper?