



Mathematics

This term the children will be consolidating their mathematical knowledge on number, as well as recapping the measurements topics we looked at last half term. This will ensure that they are confident and secure with their knowledge when they move into Year 1. It would be useful for you to practise with your child at home. You can do this by counting in 1's, 2's, 5's and 10's, using vocabulary relating to weight, time, money and capacity, doubling, halving and sharing.

Physical Development

This term the children will be practising for the EYFS Sports Day. They will be working with Miss Vickerstaffe to practise a relay race, learn vital team work skills and consolidate their current skills of throwing and catching.

Expressive Arts and Design

As the children have become more familiar with exploring and using different media (paint, crayons, collage), they will begin to use them more effectively. The children will have opportunities to make observational drawings of fish. They will also experiment with colour to create seaside scenes. We will be listening to sounds of The Seaside and Under the Sea and choosing different instruments to make these sounds. We currently have an Ice Cream Van for children to role play in and a Seaside café!

Personal Social and Emotional Development

This term we will continue to encourage the children to play co-operatively with others. The children will take part in small and large group activities to encourage team work and turn-taking. We will be listening to the story of 'The Rainbow Fish' and talking about the messages this story is trying to teach us about friendship. Also, we will be discussing your child's transition to Year 1.



Our topic this term is Under The Sea



Important Information

- Children will need to arrive promptly at 8.40am. The Reception Team adults will come outside to collect the children and line them up. This will allow the children to get ready for their transition into Year 1, coming into the classroom without their grown ups and hanging up their coats. We appreciate your support with this. Miss Dawes will be available to speak to parents and carers on the door in the morning and after school.
- Children need to wear appropriate shoes for school. This means no high heels or sandals.
- As the weather gets warmer please ensure that your child still brings a **coat**. Also, if it is sunny outside please bring a **sunhat** and **sun cream** and ensure they are **labelled** clearly with your child's name.
- **Please ensure that you read with your child at home.** Take time to discuss the pictures, make predictions and find out the meaning of unfamiliar words, focussing on a page a night.
- As we are preparing the children for their transition to Year 1 in September, it is really important that you are practising how to form letters with your child at home.
- Homework will be handed out every Friday and needs to be returned the following Thursday.

Important dates

- EYFS Story Café- Tuesday 19th June 2018 9.00am-10.30am
- Sea Life Blackpool Trip- Thursday 5th July 2018 8.40am-3.15pm
- EYFS Sports Day- Thursday 12th July 2018
- Reports to parents- Friday 13th July 2018

Literacy

The children still take part in a daily phonics session following our new 'Read, Write, Inc' scheme. We will be preparing your child for their transition to Year 1, by encouraging them to have greater independence with their writing. It would be really helpful if you could encourage them to do this at home too. It is important that the children also learn how to read and write tricky words, for example, to, school, I, there, was. Using stories focused on Under The Sea and The Seaside, the children will also learn about character (who), place (where) and events (what happened?).

Communication and Language

Children will listen to a range of stories about Under The Sea and The Seaside, such as 'Tiddler', 'Flotsam' and 'The Snail and The Whale'. They will learn how to respond to the stories they have read, discussing the characters, the setting, the problem and finally, the solution. Children will develop their story language through the use of oral storytelling. We will be using 'Talk For Writing' to ensure that children are able to develop their language to further aid their writing.

Understanding The World

This term the children will learn to name and describe the creatures that live under the sea and at the seaside. As part of the topic, the children have the exciting opportunity to care for our own fish! We will be looking after our class fish, feeding them everyday and observing what they do. Also, the children will be investigating differences about the seaside from years ago- for example looking at the clothes they used to wear and the activities you could do at the seaside.