

**BEES CLASS**

**Spring 1 2026**

# COMMOTION IN THE OCEAN

**Who shall we meet in our yellow submarine?**



## Communication and Language

Explains knowledge

Ask questions

Takes steps to resolve conflict and compromises

Asking and answering own questions

Words that rhyme

## Maths

### Exploring zero

Comparing numbers to five  
Exploring the concept that numbers are made up of smaller numbers

### Exploring capacity and mass

### Growing 6, 7 and 8

Representing 6, 7, and 8  
Composition of 6, 7, and 8

### Length, height and time

Exploring and comparing length and height  
Talking about time

## Literacy

Making lists, labels and captions

Writing messages

Sequencing story

Letter formation

Blending sounds to make words

Poetry and rhyme

## PSED

Taking on Challenges

To understand why we have rules

The importance of persistence and perseverance in the face of challenges

Learning how to communicate effectively

Practice coping strategies

## Expressive Arts

Painting and Mixed Media

Explore paint and painting techniques through nature, music and collaborative work. Developing creativity through child-led exploration of mixed media, making collages and transient art

### Music

Exploring sounds using vocal/body/instrumental/environmental and nature

## Understanding the World

What is the ocean and who lives in the ocean?

Chinese New Year

Seasonal changes between Autumn and Winter

Health and Safety

It is important for children to learn how to be safe - around the home and when using equipment and to understand how to take precautions and react when unsafe

## PE

Pushing and pulling

Travelling and balancing

## RE

What makes a place special?

### Useful Websites

- BBC learning clips
- Doodlemaths
- Phonics Play

### Key Vocabulary

Sea, ocean, submarine, gill, fin

### Definitions

Winter – The season after autumn and before spring

Habitat – The natural home for an animal or a plant

### Other Texts:

Sharing a Shell  
Bright Stanley  
Commotion in the Ocean  
Blue Penguin  
Lost and Found  
Pirates love Underpants  
Night Pirates

### Notes and reminders to parents/carers:

Welcome back to school and a very happy new year to you all. I hope you all had a relaxing break and looking forward to plenty of exciting learning!

As always, thank you for your continued support with your child's learning.

**Reading** - Daily recapping of the phonemes covered so far goes a long way in helping them to progress. This half-term children will be bringing home books and Ditties to read. Daily reading is vital to help develop confidence, speed and fluency. Please keep in mind that most progress is made when reading daily, this really does make such a difference! Please remember to sign the reading record book to indicate when you have heard your child read.

**Forest School** - Remember **Wednesday** is Forest School Day! The children should continue to attend school in PE clothes for these sessions. Please make sure they are warm enough as the temperatures drop! They will require layers of clothing, hats, coats, gloves, wellies etc... depending on the weather. Please also ensure they have alternative footwear for the classroom if their wellies are not kept in school!

**P.E. – Year 1 - Mondays/Tuesdays**

**Reception - Tuesdays**

Children need to have appropriate clothes for both indoor and outdoor P.E.

**Punctuality: The official start time of school is 8.45am. Please ensure your child arrives promptly, as learning activities are available from 08:30am.**

With best wishes,  
Mrs. Lewis