

EYFS
Spring 1 2024



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

Key vocabulary: More than, less than, same as, fewer, one more, one less

Compare capacity and compare mass

Key vocabulary: heavy, heavier than, heaviest, light, lighter than, lightest, tall, thin, narrow, wide and shallow, full, empty, half full, nearly full

Literacy

Making lists, labels and captions

Writing messages

Sequencing story

Letter formation

Blending sounds to make words

Poetry and rhyme

Understanding the World

Chinese New Year

How environments vary - colder climates

Snow and Melting

Seasonal changes between Autumn and Winter

Similarities and differences with living things

Plastics in the sea

PE

Pushing and pulling

Travelling and balancing

PSED

Understand why we have rules, the importance of persistence and perseverance in the face of challenges, learn how to communicate effectively with others, practice 'grounding' coping strategies, and to learn new skills that will help them show resilience and perseverance in the face of challenge.

Expressive Arts

Making collages

Paper Mache

Marbling

Bubble pictures

Colour mixing

Using instruments with song

Making a boat to float

RE

What makes a place special?

Useful Websites

BBC learning clips
Topmarks
Phonics Play
Doodlemaths

Home Learning ideas:

- Talk about how we stay safe around water
- Fish ends with 'sh'. Can you think of other words that end with 'sh'?
- Imagine you found a magic shell. What would your wish be?
- Look around your home and find two things that you think will float and two that you think will sink. Can you see what happens?
- Sing '1,2,3,4,5 once I caught a fish alive'
- Visit an aquarium

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, 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 their own 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. - P.E. continues to take place on Mondays. 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

Key Dates

9th January 2024 – Victorian Day
12th-16th February 2024 – Half Term