Our Curriculum in Reception: Summer 1

Under The Sea and Over The Waves



Our Key Texts

The children will program beebots to travel around a pirate map learning all the controls including left, right, forward, backward, clear and go.

For our first week of our new topic we will be re-visiting and building upon our previous knowledge of maps. The children will be looking at pirate maps and how they are used to search for treasure. The children will make their own pirate map and write instructions for pirates to follow to find the treasure. The children will learn how to use sequence adverbs such as first, next, then to write their instructions.

How can you learn at home…

Can you create your own treasure map at home, using your imagination to create areas, obstacles and challenges. Can you make a picture of your map for someone at home to follow. You could write some instructions using words first, then, next, finally for each step.

The children will import their picture into a pirate picture to turn themselves into a fully fledged pirate!

The children will be finding out about and sorting objects that float and sink. The children will use their knowledge to design and make a pirate ship that floats, testing them out in our water trays.

The children will talk about what makes a kind pirate, discussing ways we can be kind and talking about one of pour three golden rules—Be Kind.

How can you learn at home…

Explore objects that float and skink at home. With an adults help explore objects in the skink or the bath and see if you can sort them into items that float and items that sink. Can you make a pirate ship at home? Can you tell an adult at home how you can be kind to your friends and family.

The children will look at friendship through the story Snail and the Whale by Julia Donaldson.

The children are going to be exploring creatures and habitats down by the sea. They will be looking at rockpools and the creatures you might find in a rock pool, focusing our attention of crabs and creatures with shells. They will design and make a 3D rockpool. The children will be exploring patterns and textures of shells, thinking of describing words. They will look at the features of hermit crabs. The children will make sea snail pictures inspired my Matisse's snail art work.

How can you learn at home…

With an adults help use the internet or books to find out more about creatures that live in a rockpool. Could you visit a library to look at some books about sea creatures or find some good stories about sea creatures.

The children will learn a sea shanty to perform to an audience.

Following on from creating a fact file on hermit crabs, the children will look at how we look after the creatures in our waters. The children will build upon their previous knowledge of recycling and environment care, to learn about why this needs to be done for our seas and how they can become good eco citizens.

The children will make a poster to encourage all the children in school to look after the ocean.

How can you learn at home…

Talk to your friends and family about how and why we need to look after our seas. Make a poster for your fridge to encourage everyone to be a good eco-citizen.

Our Value this half term is

Honesty



We will explore the value of honesty and why it is important to be honest.

Hi, I'm Fred the phonics frog!



Literacy

- **Reading:** Reading words and sentences using set 2 sounds
- **Phonics:** using set 2 sounds fluently in reading and writing
- **Writing:** We will be working on writing sentences and writing for a variety of reasons.
- **Talk for Writing**—We will be using our knowledge of story structure and story maps to develop our own stories.

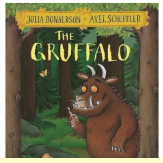
Our curriculum offer is adapted to the interest and needs of the children—the unique child. The children will learn through play in our learning environment where staff will engage alongside them to reinforce, extend, assess and challenge their knowledge and skills.

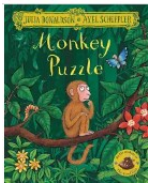
Resources are used to enhance our continuous provision and to allow children to reinforce and revise the knowledge and understanding they learn through both adult initiated and child initiated learning.

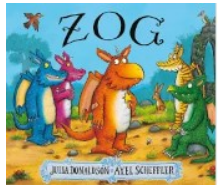
Summer Time

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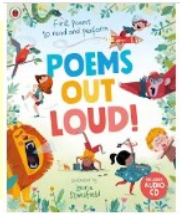
Books we love...





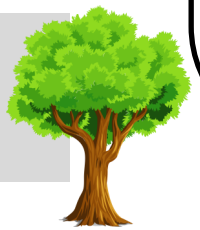


Exploring poetry, rhyme and words using poems from...



Wonderful Words

We will be exploring new words we discover through our weekly texts and adding them to our vocabulary tree.



Maths

We will develop our knowledge and understanding of counting, cardinality, composition and comparison.

We will be learning about doubling, halving and sharing groups of objects and the relationship between these and odd and even numbers.

We will explore positional language, using prepositions when describing and talking through our pirate treasure maps. We will be exploring weight, using language such as heavier and lighter to compare objects. When working with water and we will learn about capacity,

Vocabulary:

Pirate ship
doubloons mast sail
porthole stern rigging
bow flag eye patch
treasure rock pool
hermit crab limpet
clam crustacean
ocean pollution
protect recycle