



Our Topic is: Under the Sea



- We will be sharing lots of sea themed stories, including The Rainbow Fish, Tiddler, and Commotion in the Ocean.
- We will learn what non-fiction means. We'll explore non-fiction texts about the sea and talk about what we have found out.
- We will write facts and information about the ocean.
- The children will have lots of speaking, reading, and writing opportunities.

Communication and Language

- Speaking and listening themed 'A Special Occasion'.
- We are going to be learning key vocabulary linked to the topic e.g. ocean/pollution/recycle/environment/planet/sea.



Understanding the World

- The children will have the opportunity to make boats and talk about floating and sinking.
- We'll learn about recycling and the importance of looking after our planet.
- The children will explore rock pools.
- We'll teach the children about water safety.
- The children will learn about lots of different sea creatures.
- We will be learning about the layers of the ocean and which sea creatures live in different parts.
- The children will be taught the difference between cold and warm seas.
- If we get snow or ice, we will explore it in different ways e.g. investigate how we can stop the snow melting or explore how we can make it melt quickly.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- We will be teaching children to dress appropriately for the weather e.g. being able to do their own coats up and put their gloves on.
- We will be continuing to embed the school rules and values.
- We will be encouraging children to recognise when they need to use items from the Calm Area.
- We will continue to learn about the Zones of Regulation.
- We will learn about Safer Internet Day.



Little Wandle Phonics

We will be learning the following digraphs / trigraphs:
ai / ee / igh / oa / oo / oo / ar / or / ur / ow / oi /
ear / air / er

Tricky Words:

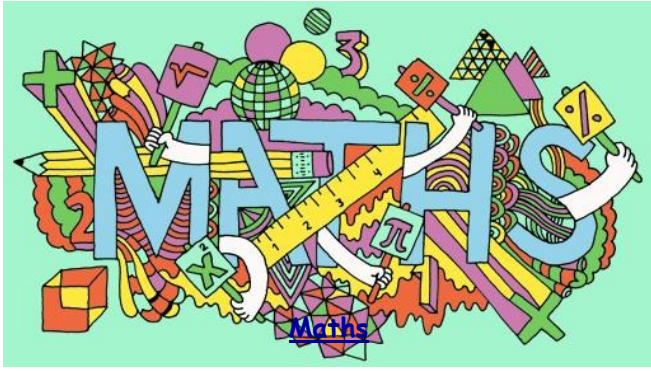
Was / you / they / my / by / all / are / sure / pure

The children will also be learning to read longer words, such as:
sunset / laptop / picnic

R.E / Worship

- RE theme: Stories from the bible –The New Testament





Pupils will continue to develop their subitising and counting skills and explore the composition of numbers within and beyond 5. They will begin to identify when two sets are equal or unequal and connect two equal groups to doubles. They will begin to connect quantities to numerals. Pupils will:

- Continue to develop their subitising skills for numbers within and beyond 5, and increasingly connect quantities to numerals
- Begin to identify missing parts for numbers within 5
- Explore the structure of the numbers 6 and 7 as '5 and a bit'
- Focus on equal and unequal groups when comparing numbers
- Understand that two equal groups can be called a 'double' and connect this to finger patterns
- Order numbers and play track games
- Join in with verbal counts beyond 20, hearing the repeated pattern within the counting numbers

Expressive Arts and Design

Enhancement opportunities will include:

- Exploring wave patterns and having a go at creating our own.
- Linking water play to our topic e.g. boats/sea creatures.
- Under the sea themed audio books for the children to listen to.
- Making sea creatures using different media.
- Making boats from junk modelling resources. We will also make apple boats. The children will explore floating and sinking.
- Drawing and painting ocean pictures.



Physical Development

- The children will have access to the outdoor area. They will use a variety of equipment e.g. climbing frame, bikes, obstacle course, throwing skills.
- We will do some fun gross motor activities linked to our topic e.g. moving like different sea creatures.
- We will continue to provide a range of fine motor activities.
- We will be encouraging independence with using cutlery at lunchtimes.
- We will be doing BEAM (for body awareness and coordination) with Coach Colin.
- We will be having Cycle Ready sessions.



What you can do to help at home:

- Continue to read with your child. Please ensure books are in school every Monday. We will change them and send them out on Tuesdays.
- Practise letter formation using the Little Wandle phrases.
- Complete the Learning at Home letter weekly.
- Practise doing coats up and putting on their own hats, scarves and gloves.
- Use everyday opportunities to practise oral blending e.g. 'please can you pass me the c-u-p' or 'don't forget to turn off the t-a-p'.

Thank you for your continued support.