

Under the Sea

Reception - Spring Term 1:1– 2024

Literacy

In Literacy we will be reading-

Little Whale by Jo Weaver as our Literacy focus but will also be reading the following books:

- Rainbow Fish
- The Singing Mermaid
- Little Turtle and the Sea

We will be focusing on different characters, settings and key events in the story. Children will be encouraged to write short sentences and phrases linked to the texts and will also be learning and using new vocabulary. Children will be encouraged to engage with non-fiction texts and talk confidently about fictional stories and use questions to check their understanding.

We are aiming for all children to be able to write their name independently as well as write short phrases.

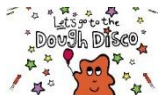
By the end of this half term your child should be able to write CVC words containing the sounds that they have learnt in phonics (s, a, t, p, i, n, m, d, o, g, l, c, k, e, u, r, h, b, f, ff, ll, ss, j, v, w, x, y, z, zz, qu, ch, sh, ng & ing)

Practise all previously taught tricky and high frequency words.

Handwriting & Letter Formation

Handwriting is very important for Reception children because they need to strengthen and build control of their fingers and hands.

In order to support this, we do 'Dough Disco' each day to strengthen our finger muscles!



Please encourage your child to hold their pencil correctly at home when practising their writing (Nip, flip and grip).

Please practise this as often as possible.

Maths

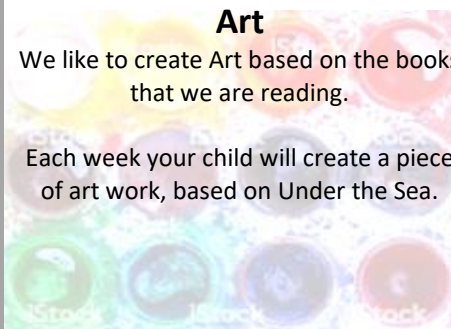
In Maths we are learning and securing our knowledge of numbers 1 to 10 and securing the following skills:

- Writing numbers 0 to 10
- Beginning to subitise to 10
- Knowing 1 more and 1 less than up to 10
- Use resources to work out number bonds to 10
- Exploring the composition of numbers to 10
- Count from 0 to 10
- Compose and decompose shapes recognising the different shapes within shapes
- Compare 3 objects based on length, width and capacity

Art

We like to create Art based on the books that we are reading.

Each week your child will create a piece of art work, based on Under the Sea.



Phonics

In Phonics we are learning how to orally blend and segment. For example, if we spell the word c-a-t (using letter sounds, not letter names) the children need to be able to tell us what we have spelt 'cat'.

We will also ask children to orally spell a given word to us (only words with two or three sounds).

Each week we learn 3-4 new sounds and we will send home these new letters as flashcards in your child's book bag for your child to practise recognising them.

By the end of Spring 2, we are aiming for your child to be able to read phase 3c books, **fluently**. Therefore, it is important that they are secure with the sounds we learn each week, so that they can use these to read these longer words.

Please refer to the phonics homework packs.

PE

Reception children will take part in physical activity with the sports coaches

Please encourage your child to be independent when dressing.

Reception have P.E on a Monday and Tuesday.



Understanding the World

In history we will look at the past using images of familiar situations and compare the past through stories we have read.

In geography the children will be looking at simple maps and spotting familiar places.

Computing will explore the importance of staying safe on-line.

In music the children will be listening and watching different genres of music to be able to identify and express their feelings.

In D & T we will continue to explore different foods using our senses.