



Reception Class
What is my child learning this half term?
April - June

Maths

The children will be continuing to use the Numicon scheme to solve mathematical problems such as doubling, halving and sharing. The children will have practical problems to solve which include addition and subtraction. Some children will be learning to count in 2's, 5's and 10's.



In shape, space and measure, we will be investigating measuring in the water area and money and coins in practical situations, for example, role playing buying ice creams. Can you show your child the coins in your purse? Can you play with cups in the sink and demonstrate when they are empty and full of water?

Can your child name these coins?



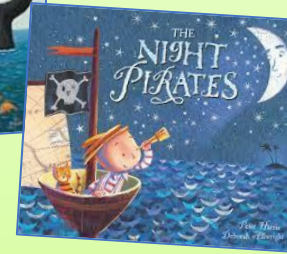
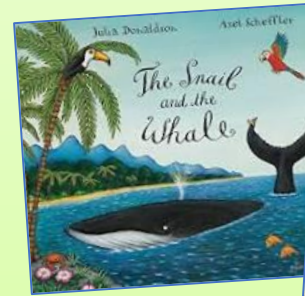
Literacy

We will be enjoying different stories based around our 'Adventures' topic this half term. Stories this half term include Tiddler, Whatever Next!, Night Pirates, Snail and the Whale, and poetry such as Commotion in the Ocean. We will be using these books as inspiration to learn new vocabulary and tell our own stories.

Can you make up a pirate story with your child at home?

Under the Sea Vocabulary:

- Pirate Ship**
- Ocean**
- Treasure**
- Submarine**
- Jolly Roger shark**



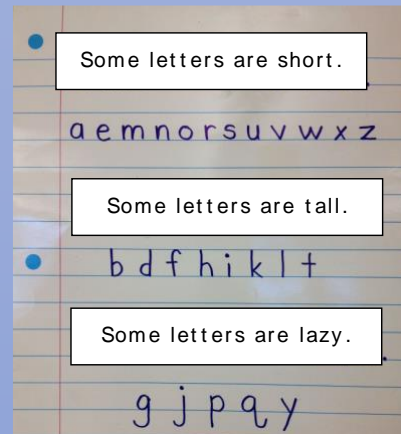
Circle Time

Our circle time theme is 'Relationships'. The children will be using different stories, for example, 'Dogger' to explore our different feelings. They will be thinking about how others might feel in different situations and how they can help their friends. At home, can you share with your child things you do to help make yourself feel better when you are upset?

Phonics

This half term children will be continuing to revising letter sounds and learning new letter sounds. We will be developing fluency in reading and learning new vocabulary. The children will also be writing sounds and simple words. Some children will be writing simple sentences.

Please can your child continue to practise writing their name at home with you making sure they use a capital letter at the beginning and tall, short and lazy letters. Tall letters touch the top line, short letters do not. Lazy letters are written so they go under the line.



Capital letter

Mrs Sandy

RE and Collective Worship

We will be learning about places that are special to us, for example, our bedroom, our friend's house or a trip somewhere. We will then learn about places of worship that are special to people of different faiths. If you attend a place of worship, please talk about this with your child and discuss what you do while you are there. Alternatively, you could google places of worship to discuss with your child.



PE

The topic this half term is 'working with others'.

We will be playing a variety of games and learning new activities to focus on how we take turns and share. These are the building blocks for team games. At home, can you practise throwing and catching with your child?



Role Play Area

This half term we will be using our imagination to fly to space! We will have a space station and the children will become astronauts and fly to the international space station. Can you watch videos together on YouTube to show your child how people float in space or to show them a rocket launching into space?



Special Events

Reception trip to Nell Ban activity centre – 16th May - more details to follow.

Pirate Party with Nursery – Date to follow

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. We hope you will find the information helpful. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher. If you have any comments or suggestions for future newsletters, please let a member of staff know.

Kind Regards
The Reception Team

Topic

This half term our topic is 'Adventures' We will be setting sail on our pirate ships and exploring the oceans. Blasting off in our rockets for a space adventure!

Our key questions, that we would like the children to think about are:

What would you find in space?

Where would you like to go on an adventure?

Vocabulary for this topic

These are the words that we will use as we explore our topic. We will be using them in sentences and making up our own adventure stories. Please encourage your child to use these words at home.

Space Vocabulary: Planets, stars, rocket, space station, astronaut, Earth, Sun, Moon Saturn, Jupitar, Venus, satellite Neptune, Mars

Under the Sea Vocabulary: ocean, wave rock pool, octopus, shark, turtle, whale, fish, crab, diver, tide, coral, lobster, submarine

Pirate Vocabulary: pirate ship, treasure, Jolly Roger

