

Literacy:

Reading & Writing

We will be exploring a range of texts to help us learn more about life under the sea. These will include: Rainbow Fish, The Snail & the Whale, and Sharing a Shell. We will also be learning about rhymes when reading Commotion in the Ocean.

Phonics

In Phonics we will be continuing with our phase 3 sounds, as well as consolidating the sounds we have learnt, including digraphs (for example: oa and ai) and trigraphs (for example: igh). We will also continue to learn and practice reading and spelling our 'tricky words' which do not follow the phonics rules.

Physical Development:

In our PE lessons we will be refining our gross motor skills, showing increasing control over an object in pushing, patting, throwing, catching or kicking it. We will also focus on how we can move and control our bodies using different equipment and apparatus.

RE:

This half term our focus question is: What is so special about Easter? We will:

- Learn the key events of Holy Week and the Easter story
- Reflect on the important role Jesus played
- Learn about how Christians celebrate the life of Jesus and Easter.

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Under the Sea

To make this topic even more relevant, and ensure the knowledge sticks, the children will:

- *Become deep-sea divers to explore the wildlife under the sea.*
- *Take a virtual tour through an aquarium.*

Music:

In music this half term we will be playing some fun, fishy music games. We will be listening and responding to music, such as Saint Saens' Carnival of Animals. We will be learning and singing lots of 'Under the Sea!' songs too!

Expressive Art & Design:

We will be developing a range of skills this half term including:

- Using a range of materials to create different sea life pictures.
- Using different tools to make our own aquariums.
- Experimenting with mixing colours and textures to create an ocean.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development:

This half term we will focus on: Healthy Me! We will be considering how we keep ourselves healthy and thinking about a healthy lifestyle. We will also think about how we can be a good friend and make healthy relationships with our peers.

Understanding the World:

We will be learning about how people have adventured to the seabed and describing the different environments found there. We will use our observation skills to describe the similarities and differences found in aquatic wildlife, and investigate floating and sinking!

Maths:

In maths this half term we will:

- Count, compare and explore composition of numbers to ten.
- Explore number bonds to ten and use different representations to show this
- Combine two groups to find the total/whole.
- Sequence important events in the day and use language related to time.
- Explore and name common 3D shapes, and talk about their properties.