

Under the Sea

Reception Summer 2



The Big Idea: What does life look under the sea? How are sea creatures adapted for survival in the water? How can we help to protect our oceans? We will become deep sea divers, exploring the oceans and discovering an array of sea life. We will create creature reports on our findings every day and talk about what we have learned. Climbing aboard a pirate ship, we will use maps to search for treasure and lands anew. We will have a beach day, with beach balls, sand and paddling pools.

Communication and Language

We will be....

- Participating in pirate role play activities.
- Enjoying our aquarium and submarine role play area.
- Discussing how we would survive if our pirate ship sunk.

At Home:

- Talk about what you find under the sea and at the beach.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

We will be....

- Teaching the pirates some manners.
- Getting ready for change - transition to Y1.
- Reflecting on our favourite times in Reception and saying goodbye.
- Participating in sports day - learning to win/lose well.

At Home:

- Talk about what your child has enjoyed about being in Reception and what they are looking forward to/or worried about in Year 1.

Physical Development

We will be....

- Throwing and catching beach balls.
- Playing team games.
- Practising race games for sports day.

At Home:

- Practise catching and throwing different shaped objects.

Literacy

We will be....

- Writing daily creature reports.
- Reading sea poetry.
Fiction texts including:
"The Night Pirates" by Peter Harris, *"Commotion in the Ocean"* by Giles Andreae, *"Rainbow Fish"* by Marcus Pfister
Non- Fiction texts including:
"Seashore" by Lucy Beckett-Bowman, *"Sea Life"* by Dr. Maurice Burton

At Home:

- Look for books about the sea/pirates in the library.

Mathematics

We will be....

- Doubling and halving treasure.
- Sharing treasure between friends.
- Adding and subtracting with a variety of resources including shells.
- Using money in our seaside shop

At Home:

- Give your child money to pay for something small at the shops. Can they tell you what the coins are?

Understanding the World

We will be....

- Talking about pirates and the differences around how we live now compared to the past.
- Looking at how we use water and why it is so important to all living things.
- Investigating what floats and what sinks.

At Home:

- Talk about why recycling plastic is important to protect our oceans.

Expressive Arts & Design

We will be....

- Participating in a treasure hunt and making maps.
- Creating pirate music and recreating what sounds you might hear under the sea.

At Home:

- Bring in things from a beach pond or lake!