

Our theme for the term is:



Overview

Our theme this half term is 'Save the waves!' Through this topic we will be exploring the different creatures and habitats that can be found in our oceans. We will learn about the impact the waves have on our planet as well as the impact humans are having on the waves. We will spend more time exploring non-fiction texts and will use this to support our letter and poster writing.

Understanding the world

Through our topic, we will be exploring maps and places, identifying the UK, as well as exploring oceans. We will discuss how the UK differs from other places around the world. We will explore different habitats and will begin classifying animals. Through our exploration of the world we will show concern for living things and the environment. There will be opportunities in continuous provision to access gadgets and gizmos and purple mash, encouraging them to use age appropriate computer software.

Literacy

In Literacy we will be exploring poetry and write our own rhyming poem. We will spend time planning work and working from our plan to write our own stories. We will also explore a range of non-fiction books and discuss how we can retrieve information from these books. We will write our own fact files and informative posters. We will also write instructions as well as a letter. Throughout this half-term we will begin to think about how we can 'up-level' work by adding more detail and think about how we can extend our sentences with words such as and, but and because. We will continue to focus on basic sentence punctuation.

Personal, social and emotional development

This term will involve lots of preparations for our transition to Year 1, and we will focus on exploring and understanding our emotions linked to this change. As the year concludes we will spend time reflecting on our time in Reception, celebrating our successes. Our challenge cards will encourage us to look at choices and activities that can help us to flourish and shine physically, emotionally and mentally.

Mathematics

We will continue to develop our counting skills, moving onto adding more by counting on and subtraction by taking away. To continue our understanding of number, we will explore number doubles as well as sharing and grouping. We will also discuss odd and even numbers. Through our continuous provision we will explore spatial reasoning,

Communication and language

With this topic we will carry on finding ways to solve problems, express our interests and work as a part of a team. This will be encouraged through our challenge cards. We will explore and use new language related to our topic and will focus on tenses. Each week we will have our 'Big question' and will explore rhyming and rhythmic activities through our poetry week.

Physical development

In PE we will focus on improving our control of the way we handle different equipment. We will carry on developing our skills in negotiating space and coordination of our small and large movements in the garden. Each day we will develop our fine motor skills in our funky finger activities. We will focus on our personal health and self-care.

Expressive arts and design

Role play and small world will continue to be a big focus for story exploration in Reception. We will also learn new songs as well as singing familiar songs based around our topic. We will carry on having access to different art materials and will be encouraged to make models and creations linked to the world, oceans and creatures.