

# RECEPTION NEWS

Welcome to the Spring 1 edition of the Reception newsletter. You will find lots of information about the curriculum, how to help at home and any other notes. If you have any questions please ask the Foundation Stage team. Our current learning journey is: **What can you see at sea?**

## Curriculum plan

**Communication and Language Development** We are continuing to develop our listening skills by listening attentively in a range of situations. We will listen to new fiction and non-fiction stories about pirates and sea creatures.

**Physical Development** In PE with Miss Snell we will be learning all about gymnastics which will help us to develop our gross motor skills. We will also be developing our pincer grip when using writing tools and completing funky fingers activities.

**Personal, Social and Emotional Development** We will be continuing to develop our group work skills during our lessons and our turn taking skills during child-initiated time.

**Literacy (Reading and Writing)** We will share and enjoy new stories linked to our learning journey such as 'On a Pirate Ship' and 'Sharing a shell'. We will also be taking part in daily Read Write Inc phonics sessions.

**Maths** We will be learning to represent numbers, find 1 more or 1 less and compare numbers to 5. We will also be exploring capacity.

**Understanding the world** We will be investigating materials that float and sink and comparing different sea creatures after our visit to 'The Deep'. We will be discovering what life would be like at sea. We will also be creating and drawing our own treasure maps.

**Expressive Arts and Design** We will be creating a seascape painting inspired by the artist William Turner. We will also be making our own pirate purses that can hold a gold coin.

## Helping your child at home

- Please continue to write in your child's record each time you read with them. For every three reads they will receive a sticker on their new bookmark.
- Help your child to write their full name and practise recognising numbers to 10 in different environments.
- Talk about everything- their day at school, their favourite toys, food, anything!



## Notes

- Please remember to put names in all clothes.
- Please remember to look in book bags for letters and information.
- Please provide a water bottle with your child's name on.
- Water only is permitted in bottles.
- Please provide a pair of wellies for Forest school activities.
- Please ensure your child has a full P.E kit that can be left in school every week. This should include shorts, a red top and pumps. **Please label all P.E kit items.**

## Exceptional Experiences

- Pirate Day- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024
- Stay and story- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2:45pm.
- Visit to the Deep in Hull 25<sup>th</sup> January 2024

