

Communication and Language:

The children will be encouraged to show 'good listening' and 'good turn taking' at carpet times when they show they can listen and maintain concentration. They will be encouraged to listen to each other and wait for their turn to talk. With a whole new 'blue planet' to explore, there will be lots of opportunity for children to explain to their friends what they have found out, making sure they include interesting details.

Mathematics:

The children will have lots of practical problems to solve involving addition and subtraction as well as sharing. We will be continuing to focus on a number a week, encouraging the children to get to know numbers 'inside out', particularly holding a number in their heads and trying to count on. We will be exploring 2d and 3d shapes as well as using measurements of time and length.

Understanding the World:

We will be finding out about life in our seas and oceans. We will be using iPads and non-fiction books to find out lots of information about sea creatures and plants, building on what we see at the Sealife Centre. As part of science week we will be investigating how to make bubbles of all different shapes and sizes! We will also look at how Mother's Day is celebrated as well as finding out about the Easter story and traditions around this festival.

Expressive Arts and Design:

The children will be encouraged to respond to their learning through painting, music, movement and drama. There will be plenty of opportunities to use different materials to construct structures, finding out how to assemble and join parts together. The children will be encouraged to use role play and small world play to re-enact the stories they know as well as creating their own stories, using props they can find around the classroom to support their play.

Literacy:

Writing: The children will be encouraged to write in lots of different situations and for different purposes. They will be encouraged to plan and write simple sentences. We will be listening to, sharing and writing our own poems about sea creatures. We will also write some non-fiction captions and sentences.

Reading:

The children will be learning to use non-fiction books to find out information. They will also read books which are matched to their phonic ability with an adult once a week.



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PSED:

The children are really comfortable now in their surroundings and many have made some firm friendships. We will be supporting the children in finding ways to negotiate with their friends when they don't agree. We will be thinking about the needs of others and thinking about how we can make sure we are being good friends by being kind and thoughtful.

Phonics:

The children continue to have a daily phonics session. They shall be practising all that they have learnt so far and learn more phonemes and tricky words. They will have chance to practise their phonic skills in lots of classroom activities throughout the day.

Physical Development:

The children will have opportunity to develop their gross and fine motor skills. They will practise movements which will help with letter formation and be encouraged to develop a pincer grip to hold a pencil. They will use simple tools when making models, and think about using them safely.

The children will have a PE session in the hall. This half term we will be focusing on gymnastics and dance in our PE sessions.

Forthcoming Events:

SEALIFE CENTRE VISIT

Thursday 8th March

MOTHER'S DAY PRESENT ROOM

Friday 9th March

SCIENCE WEEK FINALE

Friday 16th March (afternoon)

Forest School

This half term **MAGENTA** class will continue to have Forest School with Mrs Smith. They will need a waterproof coat and wellies.

TAPESTRY

Remember to upload things your child has been getting up to at home...we would love to see your posts!