

### Communication and Language:

As always the children are encouraged to show 'good listening' and 'good turn taking' at all times. This half term we will be encouraging them to listen carefully to and think about the stories we are using and be able to answer questions about what they have heard, and also to predict what they think might happen next. When they are sharing news with a group of children they will be encouraged to think about what they need to tell the others. There are lots of opportunities for the children to take on a role as a character in their play and create their own stories, using story language.

### Mathematics:

Pirate treasure and mermaid jewellery will provide lots of opportunity to practise sorting and counting skills involving addition and subtraction. We will use money in our shop, adding items together and even finding change! We will be comparing the weight of our treasure finds as well as comparing capacity as we prepare pirates 'grog' and mermaid 'potions'. The children will become increasingly familiar with the numbers to 20 as well as investigating number bonds to 5 and to 10.

### Understanding the World:

We will be setting sail for adventure with Pirate Pete and a Granny pirate! We will extend out floating and sinking investigations from earlier in the year as well as investigating different materials. We will be finding out about 'special places' as part of our RE learning, as well as looking at a special time as we join in with celebrations later in the term for the Royal wedding.

### Expressive Arts and Design:

We will learn sea shanties and explore playing instruments as accompaniment. 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 make and find around the classroom to support their play. We will think about using the most appropriate resources for our props thinking about the shape and how we will tackle our making projects.

### Literacy:

**Writing:** The children will be encouraged to write in lots of different situations and for different purposes. Using all their phonics skills, they will be supported to write simple sentences for both story and information writing.

#### Reading:

The children use on-fiction books to find out about minibeasts as well as listen to stories, talking about what they have heard and retelling the story. They will also read books which are matched to their phonic ability with an adult at least once a week.



Pirates and Mermaids – Set Sail for Adventure!

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### PSED:

We will be thinking about how we are all different and have different ideas and try remembering this when we are talking to our friends about what we are playing, finding a compromise! As we encourage the children to become increasingly independent in their learning we will encourage them to persevere when they get 'stuck', and to think about when and who to ask for help...it might not always be asking an adult, sometimes their friends can be the best helpers!

### 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. We will be encouraging the children to spell those tricky words they have been taught correctly in their everyday writing.

### Physical Development:

The children will have opportunity to develop their gross and fine motor skills. They will continue to have handwriting sessions to ensure correct letter formation and will be encouraged to use this in their everyday writing. For PE we will be joined by Ryan from TopCorner Coaching, who will teach us ball and team games skills by teaching us football and rugby. **OUTDOOR CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR ARE ESSENTIAL.**

### Forest School

This half term CRIMSON class will have Forest School with Mrs Smith on Tuesday afternoons. They will need a waterproof coat and wellies as they will go outdoors whatever the weather. The children will need to change into a different set of clothing for this session. **If your child does not have a bag with 'spare clothes' on their peg, please send one in.**

### ADVANCED NOTICE ROYAL WEDDING

We will be talking about weddings that the children may have been to and family weddings. We will be asking for photos (copies of), so a bit of notice to hunt some out - this could be an aunty, uncle or grandparent, or family friend. There will also be a 'dress up' day... further details to follow.