

Personal, social and emotional development:

This half term we will be working on turn taking, fairness and sharing in our activities.

We will think about personal challenges and setting goals for ourselves and working on a skill to improve our own abilities. We will also continue to learn about following rules – at school, in games and safety when moving around.

We will also look at personal hygiene, specifically brushing our teeth and why this is important.

Understanding the world:

This half term, children will learn about the seaside, exploring what it is like, what we can find there, and activities people enjoy. They will also discover different coastal habitats and climates around the world.

Children will explore different materials, learning about sinking and floating through practical investigation. They will begin to understand the difference between solids and liquids and observe how materials can change through freezing and melting.

Physical development

We will explore different ways of using our feet to move with a ball, finding out what happens when they kick a ball using different parts of their feet and how to control the ball.

We will also explore jumping - in different directions, at different speeds and different levels. We will work on our fine motor skills by practising tying knots and bows.

Mathematics

We will be learning to count to 20 and beyond, recognising the number patterns as we go past ten and twenty. We will also look at adding and taking away to change our numbers.

We will explore shapes and how we can turn and manipulate, decompose and use shapes to make patterns and bigger pictures. We will also look at how 2D shapes can be found as part of 3D shapes.

EYFS – Summer 1 'Fun At The Seaside'

**Literacy**

We will be looking at a range of texts, traditional tales and animations to develop our imagination and vocabulary, retelling stories and imagining new adventures for the characters.

Our focus texts are: The Singing Mermaid, Tiddler, Commotion in the Ocean and Billy's Bucket.

This half term, we will be starting Level 4. This stage supports children in applying the phonics sounds they already know to read and spell longer words, helping to build confidence, fluency and accuracy in reading and writing

Communication and language

We will be developing confidence when speaking in groups by sharing our own ideas and listening carefully to the ideas of others. Children will practise asking questions and answering others using their own thoughts. We will also learn how to take turns and play an active role in conversations with a partner or group.

Expressive arts

In Art and Design, our Reception children will be exploring the topic *Structures: Boats*. The children will investigate different types of boats, learn about how they are made and what helps them float, and use a variety of materials to design and create their own boat structures, developing creativity, problem-solving and fine motor skills.

In music, our reception children will be exploring the topic of *Transport*. Through songs, movement and simple instruments, the children will listen to and create sounds linked to different forms of transport, developing their sense of rhythm, beat and musical expression while having lots of fun.