

**Personal, Social and Emotional**

**Development**

Children will learn about similarities and differences between each other's families, cultures and traditions.

Children will also be encouraged to continue to form positive relationships with their peers, through lots of paired and group work for art and literacy projects.

We will continue to revisit the important messages from The Taking care project.



**Physical Development**

To encourage gross motor skills during this half term children will continue to work on their ball skills in their PE work.

We will also be learning about the Chinese New Year tradition of Dragon Dancing. In their fine motor work all children will be encouraged to work on their handwriting including correctly forming letters. We will also continue to work on strength through the finger gym and dough disco.

**Communication and Language**

Children will talk about their experiences of water and the seaside. They will also extend their vocabulary, learning a range of topic words including underwater creatures, parts of a ship and common pirate phrases: *plunder, ahoy!, scallywag, mutiny, avast!* This language will then be used in water themed play such as in the pirate role play area and the boat themed water tray.



**Mathematics**

Alongside our number work which will incorporate addition, subtraction and applying our knowledge for problem solving we will be learning about:

**2D and 3D shapes**

**Co-ordinates and positional language**

**Capacity**—we will learn to use basic capacity vocabulary and make comparisons.



**Literacy**

Our Key texts in Literacy this half term include:

***Disney's Frozen (animation)***

***Lucy and Tom at the Seaside***

***The Rainbow Fish***

***Tiddler***

***Commotion in the Ocean***

We will create descriptions of characters using adjectives and explore creating poems using our senses thinking about the seaside.



**Expressive Arts and Design**

We will learn lots of water and seaside themed songs such as 'Oh I do like to be beside the seaside' and 'A Pirate's Life'.

We will also make observational drawings of shells, seaside collages, 'water' themed paintings using marbling inks and *Frozen* models.

We will display imaginative role play in a *Frozen* palace and pirate ships.

Children will be encouraged to engage in small world and construction play using underwater creatures and pirate ship models.

**Understanding the World**

**Science experiments**

Children will explore various questions throughout the water topic. These will include:

*Which materials are waterproof?*

*Which objects float and which sink?*

*What needs water to live?*



**Chinese New Year**

Children will be learning about the festival of Chinese New Year and the story of the animals. They will explore dancing, dragons and the food eaten and we will visit a Chinese restaurant to have an authentic Chinese lunch!