

Summer 2 2025



SAND AND WATER

EYFS

7 week
study



What's it all about?

In this topic your child will:

- be exploring the seaside and pirates.
- read lots of different fiction and non-fiction books about the seaside and adventures.
- create artwork related to our adventures e.g. Pirate ship flags and treasure maps.
- investigate different lengths, heights, weights and capacity.

We will be starting the half term with our talk for writing book 'Peter and the Wolf'.

In week 2 a bucket will be appearing in the classroom. Where is it from? Who could have put it there? The children will be exploring the story of Billy's Bucket and then a range of pirate books and adventures.

Outcome:

At the end of the topic your child will be able to describe characters, scenes and events from adventure stories. In Maths your child will learn to count beyond 20, find missing numbers and learn how to be creative in Art, Music and Dance. The children will also be creating songs and dances based on the sea, creating flags, treasure maps, pirate ships and will be thinking about the concept of power in relation to their own lives and the Hindu God Ganesh.

Curriculum Focus:

Personal, social and emotional development: Self - Regulation, Managing Self and Building relationships.

Children will be able to:

- speak to others about their own needs, wants, interests and opinions.
- explain their own knowledge and understanding and ask appropriate questions of others.
- listen to others, learning how to compromise and negotiate.
- talk about their own and other children's behaviour and the consequences.

Literacy: Comprehension, Word Reading and Writing

Children will be able to:

- read and understand simple sentences; share books in groups and talk about characters and settings in stories; discuss non-fiction books and their layout.
- use their phonics to write sentences, spelling some words correctly.

Mathematics: Numbers and Numerical Patterns

Children will be able to:

- verbally count beyond 20, recognising the pattern of the counting system.
- accurately count items to 10 with one-to-one correspondence.
- play games and sing number songs, solve simple number problems.
- compare quantities up to 10 in different contexts, recognising when one quantity is greater than, less than or the same as the other.
- have a deep understanding of number to 10, including the composition of each number.
- solve problems involving height, length, weight and capacity.

Ways to support your child at home

Help your child to recognise and write the numbers to 20 and beyond. Talk about the numbers your child finds tricky such as 11, 12, 13 and 20. Make the numbers using plastic bricks and talk about which tower is more or less.

- ❖ Play board games with your child that involve dice and counting.
- ❖ Encourage your child to read as often as possible.
- ❖ Find out about different adventures that people go on, especially pirates. Make treasure maps, pirate ships and you could even go on a treasure hunt!
- ❖ Please continue to share your home learning on Tapestry.

Important Dates:

Wednesday 11^h June - School photos
Saturday 21st June - Summer Fayre
Wednesday 25th June- Sports morning followed by a picnic lunch
Wednesday 16th July - Work sharing 3.20pm - 4.30pm
Tuesday 22rd July - Last day of term

In addition to the topic based learning outlined above, your child will also be learning about:

Expressive Arts and Design

- Creating treasure maps, flags and pirate ships.
- Painting pictures of the seaside and of pirates.
- Creating music and dances to accompany our adventures.

Understanding the World

- Create pirate pictures using the 2Simple computer programme.
- Investigate which objects float or sink. Which would make a good pirate ship? Make predictions and test our ideas.
- Use maps to navigate to treasure.
- Discussing families, communities and traditions.
- Finding out about the Hindu God *Ganesh* linked the theme of power.

Physical Development

- Continue to form our letters correctly.
- Showing good control, safety and co-ordination whilst moving confidently in a range of ways.

Vocabulary

seaside, shore, pirate, boat, eye patch, hook, message in a bottle, treasure map, Jolly Roger, flag

