

Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

We will continue to use the Zone of Regulation to help the children to identify and regulate their emotions. In Pre-School we will be welcoming new children, helping them to make friends and learn the Pre-School routines and boundaries. We will be developing our sense of responsibility and community by discussing how we can look after the world around us, in particular the oceans and seas and the wildlife which they support.

Literacy:

This term we will be reading a selection of Under the Sea themed stories and poems. We will also be sharing non-fiction books to discover fascinating fact about both arctic animals and creatures which live in the sea. The Reception children will continue to participate in daily phonics lessons.

Understanding the World:

We will start the term by locating the polar regions, thinking about the wildlife which inhabits the Arctic and Antarctica, learning how animals adapt to survive in such a cold climate. We will then be making links to the weather in the UK during the winter months. We will be learning about a range of different sea creatures and thinking about the impact of water pollution and how we can help to keep the oceans and seas clean.

Communication and Language:

In Pre-School we will continue to focus on the importance of communicating effectively with their peers and adults in the setting. We will help the children to further develop their vocabulary through exposure to rhymes, stories and high-quality interactions with the staff. In Reception, we will be encouraging the children to talk about how they are feeling and to give the children the confidence to sort out disagreements independently. Throughout the Early Years the children will engage in story times on a daily basis. This will help to deepen the children's vocabulary.

Pre-School & Reception

This half term our topic is:



Physical Development:

During the colder winter months, we will continue to fully utilise our outside areas. The children will be learning the importance of keeping warm in the winter and thinking of different ways to do this. We will be encouraging the children to learn how to put on their coats independently and to fasten their own zips and buttons. Reception will continue to have PE lessons twice a week with S4A with a focus on hand-eye coordination and team work.

Mathematics:

This half term in Pre-School we will be linking numerals to amounts. We will be introducing a range of positional language and using these to look at routes and locations. In Reception, the children will be using their subitising skills to understand the compositions of numbers to 5 and moving onto numbers to 10. This supports their knowledge of numbers bonds to 10 which, they will use in a range of contexts.

Expressive Arts and Design:

The children will be using a range of different materials and techniques to create under the sea themed art work. We will be learning a selection of sea themed songs and pirate shanties and creating movements to music. Alongside this, we will end the term with a Pirate themed week, where the children will have the opportunity to embrace their creativity and imagination through role play.

Here are the key books we will be reading this half term:

