

Topic

Our topics will be **Here We Are** and **Under the Sea**. We will take inspiration from the Here We Are story to look at the world we live in. We will compare different countries and continents and also take a trip to space to learn more about the planets that make up our solar system. We'll look at the animals that inhabit the different parts of the world and also those that live in the sea. We will take a deep dive into the ocean learning about the wildlife and history of the pirate.

English

We continue to use 'Read Write Inc' phonics to help us develop our literacy skills. Children have done a fantastic job at progressing through the scheme and will continue to push their development to ensure they reach and even surpass their Early Learning Goal. As well as our regular phonics morning activities, we will have an increased focus on our dedicated writing table for children to practice letter formation, word writing and sentence construction. We have also recently introduced a new handwriting scheme– Kinetic Letters. This will enable children to develop legible handwriting that is produced quickly and automatically.

Understanding the World

This term we will be going deep under the sea. We will not only be learning about the creatures that inhabit the sea but also issues that are effecting the sea, like plastic pollution. We will be looking at our own plastic waste and thinking of creative ways to reuse materials.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will develop children's artistic and cultural awareness which supports their imagination and creativity. We will explore colour, texture and different materials as part of our topic.



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Reception

Welcome to the Reception Curriculum Newsletter. This is a summary of the learning planned for the Summer Term.

If you have any concerns about your child's learning please contact Miss Cooper directly, in the first instance.

Maths

In Maths we will be deepening our understanding of numbers to 20 and beyond. We will also learn new maths skills and introduce new maths equipment.

We will learn:

- To make and count collections of up to 20 objects.
- To identify 1 more and 1 less than numbers to 20 and beyond.
- To know the composition of numbers to 20.
- To Represent numbers up to 20 on 10 frames and Rekenreks.
- To know doubles to 5.
- To know odd and even numbers.



PE



We will be learning all about sports day games this term. We'll be developing key gross motor skills and also looking at strength, balance and coordination.

RE

In RE this term, we will be learning about the similarities and differences between Christianity and other religions. We will be looking at how different religions pray and how they worship. Children will be encouraged to share their own practices with each other.

Communication and Language

We'll be building on our previous learning to develop our speaking and listening skills and encouraging children to extend their sentences by adding conjunctions 'but' 'and' 'not only' 'either' 'because' 'so that'.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term we will continue to look at working and playing cooperatively and taking turns with other children. We will encourage children to be confident to try new activities and show increasing independence, resilience and perseverance in the face of challenges.

Diary dates:

03.06.25 - Come dine with me

03.07.25 - National Adventure Farm school visit

11.07.25 - Victorian Seaside Day

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Core Story Books — Summer Term

Here We Are
by Oliver Jeffers



Commotion in the Ocean
by Giles Andreae



The Rainbow Fish
by Marcus Pfister



The Snail and the Whale
by Julia Donaldson



The Proudest Blue
By Ibtihaj Muhammad and S.K. Ali



Pirates Love Underpants
by Claire Freedman



Aliens Love Underpants
By Claire Freedman

Peter Pan
By Disney