



It's a Pirate's Life for Me

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a wonderful half term and that you are looking forward to the start of the second half of the Summer term.

Here is our curriculum map for Summer 2.

Best wishes,

The Nursery Team

In Personal, Social and Emotional Development, we will be supporting children to manage their feelings, follow rules and begin to overcome problems together. We will encourage independence in their self-care and healthy choices, while also helping them build confidence in playing with others, forming friendships and understanding how others feel. As the children prepare to begin Reception in August, we will continue to develop their confidence, independence and resilience to support a smooth and positive transition into school.

In Communication and Language, children will continue to grow in confidence when speaking, using a wider range of vocabulary to share their ideas. They will begin to express their opinions and talk about their likes and dislikes. Through oracy, shared reading and learning sticky words, we will support children in developing their vocabulary and extending their speech into short sentences.

In Physical Development, the children will develop their balance, coordination and strength through weekly PE and outdoor play. This half term, our gymnastics lessons will focus on holding balances and travelling in different ways with increasing control and confidence. Fine motor skills will continue to develop through playdough, threading and mark-making activities, supporting pencil grip and control.

Hook for Learning: The children will discover a pirate treasure map leading them on an exciting hunt around the playground to find Captain Red Beard's hidden treasure. Along the way, they will explore the pirate clothes and treasure left behind, encouraging imaginative play, communication, teamwork and curiosity.

Sticky Words

map	ship
compass	treasure
captain	

In Understanding the World, the children will become little explorers through our pirate theme. They will compare treasure maps and simple world maps, learning how maps help us find places and talk about the wider world. We will explore different cultures and families, noticing similarities and differences between people. The children will investigate natural and everyday materials, observe the world around them, and plant and care for cress, helping them develop curiosity and an understanding of the natural world as they prepare for Reception in August.

In Expressive Arts and Design the children will be create their own treasure maps, inspired by 'Ideal World' by Helen Cann.



Children will talk about the places they are adding to their pirate maps, developing their language and communication skills. They will use oil pastels before painting over their designs with a tea stain wash to create the effect of an old pirate map.

In Reading and Phonics, The children will continue to take part in engaging Phase 1 phonics activities to support their early reading and writing skills. This half term, we will focus on blending spoken sounds together to hear words (for example, c-a-t → cat) and breaking words into individual sounds. These fun listening games will help develop the skills needed for successful early reading and writing.

Alongside this, the children will continue to enjoy a range of stories, talking about characters, settings and events and sharing their ideas and favourite books.

In Writing, the children will continue to explore a range of mark-making opportunities, including painting and using a variety of media to express their ideas creatively. They will enjoy creating treasure maps, designing flags and creating telescopes as well as designing, labelling and making marks freely through their play. As their confidence grows, they will begin to give meaning to their marks, adding simple labels or recognisable letters and write their names with increasing independence. Children will continue to use Letter-join to develop pencil control, strengthen both gross and fine motor skills, practice accurate letter formation, developing confidence in writing their names independently.

In Mathematics, children will develop their counting skills to 10 and beyond, recognise and match numerals to 10, and explore one more and one less. They will use practical resources to solve simple mathematical problems and apply their understanding of number through hands-on activities. Children will also develop their positional language while hunting for pirate treasure and explore 2D shapes, weight, and capacity through a range of practical play experiences.