

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Children will be learning the expectations of school life. They will have opportunities to create and understand the school rules and practise them in everyday contexts.

Physical Development

Children will develop their ability to climb, balance and travel along the gymnastic equipment while aboard the 'Pirate Ship'. They will also move to music as different sea creatures. Children will learn to dodge and chase during games such as 'Climb the Rigging' and 'Sharks and Fish'. Children will develop their fine motor skills creating treasure, jewellery and food for the Pirates with play dough and small beads and jewels.

Maths

With a focus on numbers to ten, children will secure their ability to count, recognise and record accurately. They will expand their knowledge and understanding of the number system, including looking at numbers which are significant to them and numbers in our environment. Children will learn to recognise and name 2D and 3D shapes and will be challenged to create a pirate flag that includes a repeating pattern of shapes. Children will learn and use mathematical language linked to capacity and length. Creating their own treasure maps and hunts will give lots of opportunities to develop the mathematical language.



Curriculum Overview for Parents

Reception, Autumn Term 1

Ahoy There!

Understanding the World

The World

In Understanding of the World, children will have the opportunity to experiment with floating and sinking, predicting and describing the changes they observe. We will also explore under the sea and look at the sights, sounds and creatures that can be found there.

People and Communities

Children will learn about Sikhism and explore 'The 5 k's' and will learn about symbols in different religions, including the Muslim 'Crescent Moon'.

Technology

Children will familiarise themselves with a range of ICT equipment including computers, I pads, smartboards and netbooks. We will consider how these devices help us learn. Children will know how people contact and communicate with each other using ICT safely, walkie talkies, telephones and video link. They will use this in role play to contact Pirate Pete. Children will be able to use programmable devices in ICT including 'BeeBots', 'Easispeaks' and 'Talking Photo Albums'.

Expressive Arts and Design

Children will use a range of artistic media and techniques to explore a 'sea' theme. They will have opportunities to learn sea related songs and will be encouraged to listen, play along, move and respond to music linked to our topic. In addition children will participate in a unit of musical work entitled 'Me' including learning about pulse, rhythm and pitch.

Literacy

The children will learn to link sounds to letters when reading and writing and will begin daily phonics sessions. They will be exposed to a range of new and exciting vocabulary linked to the topic. They will learn each others names, and practise writing their own. In reading, children will be introduced to the 'Oxford Reading Tree' family and will begin to look at a range of picture and word books. We will also enjoy a host of topic related stories, poems and rhymes.

Communication & Language

Children will have the opportunity to speak and listen to their friends. They will have the opportunity to discuss objects that they treasure at home. They will use language and events from pirate and ocean related stories to expand their vocabulary through role-play and talk for writing activities.