






"Oh, I do like to be beside the seaside"- Week One & Two

The theme for our learning this half term is a mix of themes: at sea, in the sky and in the ground. In the next couple of weeks, we will be focusing our learning on 'At sea- pirates and mermaids'.



<p><u>Communication and Language</u></p>  <p>Read pirate stories, learn 'pirate talk', sing pirate songs. Create a pirate small world. Create a coral reef small world using different sand textures /colours. Bring in a whole fish from the supermarket and use your senses to talk about it.</p> 	<p><u>Mathematics</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identify units of repeating patterns - Create own pattern rules - Explore own pattern rules - Replicate and build scenes and constructions - Visualise from different positions - Describe positions - Give instructions to build 	<p><u>Physical Development</u></p> <p>Gross motor skills: create a plank outside for children to balance on. Create bottle cap boats- have a race using spray bottles to move them. Play the game 'Captain says...scrub the deck, climb the rigging...'</p> <p>Fine motor skills: use shells to create patterns in the playdoh. Make fishes for our underwater world. Pebbles and tweezers pattern making.</p>
<p><u>Personal, Social and Emotional Development</u></p> <p>Work as a team to do a treasure hunt! Discuss the life of a pirate, pirates often steal things, is that right? Talk about being safe near water. Why can water be dangerous? How can you keep safe?</p>	<p><u>Literacy</u></p> <p>Discover a message in a bottle and reply back. Label our treasure maps and add a key. *Drawing Club: Story: The Night Pirates & Animation: Captain Pugwash</p>	<p><u>Understanding the World</u></p> <p>Explore floating and sinking and sort different materials. Find out about how creatures breathe underwater...link to the whole fish brought in to observe (gills).</p>
<p><u>Expressive Arts and Design</u></p>  <p>Create our own treasure maps- use tea bags to stain the paper. Junk model pirate ships and telescopes. Pirate and mermaid dressing-up. Bubble painting.</p>	<p><u>Ideas to Explore at Home</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share stories and songs about pirates, mermaids and under the sea. • Learn some of the 'pirate talk' (sheet attached separately) • Explore floating and sinking in the bath at home or create a boat out of junk modelling to test in the water. • Take some rubbings of coins. Cut them out and use as pirate treasure! 	