

Literacy/Communication and Language

- This half term we will continue to work on developing the children's listening skills throughout their learning.
- The children will also be encouraged to share their thoughts and understanding of different topics throughout the term e.g. their thoughts on under the sea animals.
- We will be exploring a range of non-fiction and fiction texts, which are based around the different islands we will visit.
- The children will continue on their writing journey through focusing on using their sounds and tricky words in reading and writing.
- We will continue to practise writing simple sentences with the children such as 'It is red'.

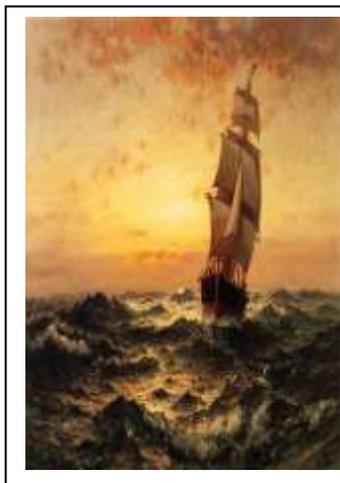
Mathematical Development

- This half term the children will continue to develop their number recognition of numbers up to 20 and we will be thinking about 1 more and 1 less than a given number.
- The children will also be continuing to think about how each number can be partitioned and where it sits on a number line.
- We will be learning how to add and subtract single digit numbers using resources.
- We will also be revisiting 2D and 3D shapes.

Understanding the World

- As part of our topic, the children will be exploring the different creatures that live under the sea, such as sharks and crabs.
- We will be looking at treasure maps and will create our own for each other to follow.
- The children will also think about what it would be like to live on a boat or an island.
- We will also learn about floating and sinking. The children will then have a go at making their own pirate ships to see if they can make them float.

Out at Sea! Spring 1



Expressive arts and design

- The role-play areas in our classrooms will initially be used as boats to help us travel to different islands and to explore under the sea. These will then be adapted to follow the children's interests to help develop narratives within their play.
- We will be combining different materials to make under the sea creatures and boats, and we will be learning how to select the correct tools and equipment to help us do this.
- The children will also be learning about recycling and will use junk modelling materials to create their very own sea creature.

Physical Development

- We will continue to develop our fine motor skills e.g. pencil control through a variety of 'Funky Finger' activities each week.
- We will also continue to practise how to dress ourselves independently during PE sessions.
- The children will continue to practise their ball skills during PE sessions this term and will learn how to express different ideas through dance.
- Each week the children will practise their letter formation and pencil grip, using our handwriting scheme.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- In our jigsaw PSHE sessions, we will be exploring 'Dreams and Goals'.
- The children will continue to learn about our BEST values and the school code throughout the school day.
- They will also be working on their confidence with various team-building activities.