

How You can Help at home.



Reading

This half term we are looking at creatures under the sea such as dolphins, whales, sharks and octopus. We have been reading about the rainbow fish and looking at lots of different creatures under the sea. We would like you to continue reading with your child at home and recording it in your child's reading diary. As you know reading at home for just 5-10 minutes a night can make all the difference to your child's development and we encourage you to continue supporting your child with their reading at home. We will continue to offer a stay and read session on a Thursday for half an hour giving you the opportunity to stay and read with your child and treat yourself to a biscuit.



Writing

In class we are looking at colouring sea creatures, we have been mark making with numerous pens, pencils and markers to enhance our pencil grip. We have lots of mark making opportunities within the classroom such as sensory experiences and fine motor activities We will offer activities and practical activities to develop our grips, grasps and strengthen our in-hand strength. We will continue to send children with homework on a Friday to be handed in for a Monday in order for parents to help encourage children with their writing at home.

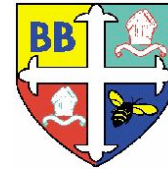


Numeracy

In numeracy we will continue to practice our counting skills by counting in class, doing counting focus activities and singing counting nursery rhymes. You can encourage your child to do this at home by singing along to nursery rhymes such as five currant buns and five speckled frogs. If you do not know these rhymes we will offer a workshop with Mrs Khan and we can provide you with a nursery rhyme sheet to practice at home. We will continue to encourage children to count to 10 and back down to zero through nursery rhymes, counting games and our number line.



Useful Websites



Nursery

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We Work, We Play,



We Care, We Pray



Half Termly Overview of Work



Literacy

As we have been looking at sea creatures for our topic we have been encouraging children to extend their vocabulary by describing creatures in detail such as big, sharp teeth... we have been reading sea rhymes and stories and watching video clips to help develop children's knowledge and understanding. We aim to develop children's knowledge by extending our questioning, this is something you could do at home i.e why is an octopus special? Which is your favourite creature?

Within class we will continue to encourage pencil control and will be sending home work pencil control sheets for the children to trace.



Numeracy

In Numeracy we have been looking at sea creatures using positional language such as forwards and backwards, fast and slow. We have also compared creatures that are bigger and smaller and counted creatures legs and teeth. We have been looking at shapes such as squares, circles, triangles and hexagons and creating our own dinosaurs by deciding which shapes we would use for the different body parts.

We will also continue to re-enforce counting to 10 and extend by counting back down to 0, we have been placing the correct number of pegs on the dinosaur with the corresponding number.

Class Routines



Snack

Children will be offered a healthy morning snack this will cost £1 a week and will be paid on a Monday.



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Dates to remember



School Trips

There are currently no trips planned.

Topic

Our topic is under the sea, we will be looking at all the different things that live in the sea and investigating them. We will be learning to use magnifying glasses and notice all the patterns on small creatures and shells.

We are reading the rainbow fish and learning the importance of sharing in nursery with our friends and helping our friends when they are sad. We will be making our own rainbow fish and mini aquariums to enhance our imagination and fine motor skills.

Phonics

In Phonics we are looking at segmenting and blending using 'Metal Mike'. Using CVC words we are segmenting with our robot voices and then saying the whole word. We will also be revising our 'My name is.....' song so children can practice hearing initial sounds in their names.

We continue to sing nursery rhymes with children helping to enhance their rhythm and timing skills.



RE

This half term we will continue to say our prayers within each session.



Computing

Children have access to ipads within continuous provision for them to learn how to effectively work the ipad and encourage them to play educational games



PE - To keep fit nursery regularly have access to outdoors, nature area and occasionally complete dancing routines and stretches



Homework

We will send home a reading book every week to be read for 5 minutes every night. We will be sending home work on a Friday for children to complete with parents.

