



# Chestnut Class Newsletter

## Summer

### Our Theme



Our theme for Summer is "Under the Sea".

Have a look below at how we will be learning about all things Under the Sea across our curriculum!



### My Communication

In My Communication we will be exploring Under the Sea through texts such as The Little Mermaid, Rainbow Fish and Commotion in Ocean. We will be learning to recognise the words, symbols and signs for key words within these texts. We will also be extending our vocabulary with functional words, signs and symbols. We will develop our joint attention skills through Under The Sea themed Attention Autism activities

We will be working on reading, writing/mark making and communication and interaction ALI's across the timetable.



### My Thinking and Problem Solving

In My Thinking and Problem Solving we will be learning about number and capacity through AA themed activities and in the continuous provision.

We will use these skills functionally across the school day, for example capacity in cooking and outdoor school, role play and continued provision including sand and trays and potion making.

We will be working on number and cognition and learning ALI's across the timetable.



### The World about Me

In The World about Me, we will be exploring the life cycles of plants and animals. Using texts such as Jack and the Beanstalk and planting our own plants. We will explore the differences between animals and plants and what they need to survive.

We will continue to work on our independence skills: practising our dressing and undressing skills for PE and swimming and practicing our travel training skills with swim sessions at Nuffield Health Centre.



### Me and My Body

In Me and My Body, we will be taking part in lots of physical activities across the timetable including sensory circuits, riding bikes and playing on the playground equipment. We will be practicing gymnastics in PE. We will be thinking about parts of the body and their functions, and we will be learning about personal care and hygiene.



### My Community

In My Community, we will be growing our independence in travel around the school. We will be learning to walk safely with adults as we access areas of the school eg Food Tech Room, Playground, Forest Schools.

In school, we will be developing our social skills and learning to play with each other.



### My Creativity

In My Creativity, we will be exploring printing. We will practice our fine motor skills by printing and painting to make beautiful creations all linked to the Under the Sea theme.



## Things to remember

- ✓ Swimming will take place on alternate Monday mornings at Nuffield Health Centre. Groups and dates will be sent out separately.
- ✓ Please share any Wow! Moments from home on Evidence for learning.
- ✓ Please could you share with me pictures of your home to help with the topic, if possible.



## Key Vocabulary

Sea  
Sand  
Beach  
Fish  
Shark  
Mermaid  
Boat  
Crab  
Swim  
Blue

Attached are the **Makaton signs and symbols** to support our key vocabulary.



## How can you help at home?

There are lots of ways to support your child's learning at home. Have a look at the suggestions below for some ideas

- ✓ Using key vocabulary, Makaton signs and symbols when communicating with your child.
- ✓ Incorporating your child's Aspirational Learning Intentions into your routine at home.
- ✓ Exploring Under the Sea with your child.
- ✓ Exploring capacity with your child.



## Home-School Communication

Home-school communication is important to us and helps us to support your child the best that we can. Here are some different ways to keep in touch...

- ✓ Writing in the home-school diary
- ✓ Emailing me at [spearc@astleypark.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:spearc@astleypark.lancs.sch.uk)
- ✓ Coming into school for parents evening and sharing our learning sessions
- ✓ Commenting on your child's Evidence for Learning posts
- ✓ Sharing home learning on Evidence for Learning