

Reception Summer 2 - 2026



New Topic: Under the Sea

This half term, we are diving deep into the wonderful world beneath the waves! Our exciting topic, "Under the Sea," will give the children the opportunity to explore the fascinating creatures that live in our oceans and learn about the important role oceans play in our world.

Throughout the term, we will be sharing the story "The Snail and the Whale" by Julia Donaldson.

Through this beautiful tale of friendship and kindness, the children will develop their language, communication, and literacy skills while linking their learning to our ocean theme.

To enhance our topic, we are delighted to be visiting The Deep in Hull on 17th June. This exciting educational visit will allow the children to see a variety of sea creatures up close and deepen their understanding of marine life and ocean conservation.

We are looking forward to a fantastic half term full of discovery, creativity, and underwater adventures!



Important Dates!

Wednesday 10th June - EY Muddy Warrior

Wednesday 17th June - EY Trip to The Deep

Tuesday 30th June - Nursery stay and play open morning

Thursday 2nd July - Transition into Year 1

Friday 3rd July - Transition into Year 1

Monday 6th July - Reports out to parents.

Wednesday 8th July - Nursery stay and play open afternoon

Wednesday 15th July - OPAL play afternoon (1:30 - 3:00)

Tuesday 21st July - Finish for summer.

Please keep an eye out on 'My Child At School' app for messages and announcements of events happening in the term.

Maths



As part of our "Under the Sea" topic, we will be developing our mathematical skills through a variety of fun and engaging activities. We will be counting and comparing groups of sea creatures, exploring number recognition, and using mathematical language such as more, fewer, bigger, smaller, longer, and shorter. The children will also have opportunities to create and continue patterns, sort and group objects, and explore shape through ocean-themed activities and games. Through our play and daily routines, we will encourage the children to use their counting skills, recognise numerals, and solve simple mathematical problems linked to our underwater adventures.

Science and understanding the world



As part of our "Under the Sea" topic, we will be developing our scientific thinking through a range of exciting investigations and hands-on experiences. We will be exploring which objects float and sink, investigating the features of different sea creatures, and learning about the importance of keeping our oceans clean. The children will have opportunities to make predictions, observe changes, ask questions, and share their ideas as they explore the world around them.

We will also be learning all about plants and what they need to survive, how to care for them and what plants are found under the sea.

Literacy



This term our **writing** focus text is -
'The Snail and the Whale'

Reading at home

Please read with your child at **least five times a week**. Daily reading makes a huge difference to progress!

How you can support your child's learning at home...

Read Together - Share stories about the ocean and sea creatures. Ask your child questions about the characters and what they can see in the pictures.

Talk About Sea Life - Encourage your child to name different sea creatures and discuss where they live and what makes them special.

Get Creative - Create ocean-themed artwork using paint, crayons, recycled materials, or natural objects collected on walks.

Explore Water Play - Provide opportunities for water play and discuss concepts such as floating, sinking, pouring, and filling.

Learn About Looking After Our Oceans - Talk about the importance of recycling, putting rubbish in bins, and keeping our beaches and oceans clean.

Sing and Count - Enjoy sea-themed songs and rhymes such as "1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Once I Caught a Fish Alive" and count sea creatures together.

Spot Numbers and Shapes - Count shells, draw fish patterns, and look for shapes in everyday objects to support early maths skills.

We would love to see any sea-themed crafts, drawings, photographs, or learning that takes place at home. Please share these with your child's key person.

Thank you for your continued support - we are looking forward to a fun-filled half term of exploration and discovery!