

### Understanding the World

We will talk about seaside holidays we have been on with our families and will compare Weymouth to Frome. We will explore seaside holidays in the past through old photos and find out about Queen Victoria. We will share non-fiction books about rockpools and sea creatures.



We will learn about the season of Summer and talk about the changes we can see in the natural world around us. We will explore floating and sinking when we make our own boats. In R.E. we will talk about places which are special to us and explore special places in different faiths.

Please bring a **water bottle, sun hat, raincoat** (depending on weather) and **bookbag** to school every day. Please apply an all-day **sun cream** to your child before school.

Please bring in a **PE kit** which will be kept in school. We will have PE every **Thursday** with Mr Croucher, our Sports Coach. We will also have football sessions with our football coach, Mr Phillips every **Monday**. Please name jumpers, cardigans, sunhats and PE kits so they can be kept safe and returned if lost.

Dates this half term –

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June - Reception Sports Day 9:30am  
Wed 1<sup>st</sup> July - Transfer Day to Year 1 classroom  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July - Reception school trip  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July - Last day of term

### Phonics and Reading

In our phonic groups we will continue to learn 'Special Friends' set 1 and set 2 sounds. We will read sentences with green words using 'Fred Talk – read the word'. We will also read tricky red words.

#### Reading at home

The children will continue to bring home ditty sheets or reading books to read at home. Please hear your children read regularly as this really makes a difference to reading skills and confidence. Please write in your child's yellow reading record when they read at home. They will also bring home a fiction or non-fiction 'sharing book' each week for you to enjoy together.



### Communication & Language and Literacy

We will re-tell 'Sharing a Shell' and describe the story characters. We will also explore the story of 'The Night Pirates' and recreate the adventures the characters go on.



We will use 'Fred Fingers, Pinch the Sounds' to write new words with the sounds we know. We will write phrases and sentences using picture prompts. We will continue to work on handwriting using the RWI letter formation rhymes.

### Reception Curriculum Newsletter

#### **Summer Term 1 2026**

**Our topic this half term is**  
**Beside the Seaside!**



Look out for photos on Seesaw to see us being busy with our wonderful learning!

### Expressive Arts and Design

When we explore textures and pattern to create shells and starfish. We will use the skills and techniques we have learned to select our own materials and techniques to create rock pool and models of sea creatures.



We will explore how to move like sea creatures along to different types of music. We will sing songs about Pirates and play instruments together in time with Sea Shanties. We will create our own stories and maps on the pirate ship.

### Mathematical Development

We will explore the composition of numbers to 10 and say different ways of making each number. We will also learn about odd and even numbers. We will continue to work on remembering number bonds to 5 (eg 4+1 3+2 5+0) and 10 (eg 5+5 7+3 9+1). We will show doubles on our fingers and also count accurately. We will have fun with investigating capacity with water, compare weights and explore creating our own 2D shape patterns.

### Physical Development

We will develop small motor skills with funky finger activities and hold a pencil using the tripod grip. We will learn how to make playdoh coils to create hermit crab shells. We will develop our balancing and climbing skills on the pirate ship. We will jump and crawl to navigate obstacle courses. We will throw and aim beanbags and javelins. In football sessions we will learn to control, dribble and kick the ball at a target.

### Social and Emotional Development

Our Jigsaw theme is called 'Changing Me'. We will explore and celebrate how we have changed during Reception and look forward to transferring to Year 1. We will support the children to be resilient to try new activities on Sports Day and take part in team games. We will talk about being healthy and making healthy choices. We will continue to build on children's independence with school routines.