

# Fun at the seaside



Reception: Summer Term 2

## Class Wibsey

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely break and are ready for the exciting half term ahead.

This half term we will be exploring the ocean and the seaside. We will investigate floating and sinking, learn about animals that live in the ocean and begin to understand how to look after our environment. We will also consider the impact of plastic in the ocean.

As always, we will continue to follow the children's interests throughout the half term. If your child shows any particular interest in something new or goes anywhere exciting, please do share this with us via Class Dojo so we can incorporate this into our learning in class.

We are always available at the beginning and end of each day should you wish to pop into school to review your child's learning or meet with us.

Reception staff are: Mrs Evans, Mrs Malik, Mrs Harrison, Mrs Shaw, Miss Chantry, Miss Coughlan and Mrs Kilmartin

### Our distinctive Church school ethos

Children will take part in daily collective worship. We will spend time together as a school, in a class and as part of our 'Value Families.'

Every other Tuesday we walk to St Paul's Church for a service led by Reverend Thierry Guillemain.

Throughout the day we will pause for reflection to consider our values through prayer.

### Dates to remember:

6.6.24 Storyteller Workshop

7.6.24 Rock Star Day

28.6.24 Visit from the farm

28.6.24 St Paul's Day

1.7.24 My Happy Mind Opening Morning

3.7.24 Transition Morning

3.7.24 Curriculum Open Evening

12.7.24 Summer Fayre

17.7.24 Dogs Trust Workshop

22.7.24 Class Parties

23.7.24 Sports Day

23.7.24 School closes for Summer

**Learning at home:** Reading books need to be brought into school daily. When a child reads at home 5 times per week, they receive a raffle ticket. The tickets are then entered into the draw for the children to have the opportunity to take home our 'Snuggle up and read' bags. Please see Class Dojo or speak to Mrs Evans for more information.

**P.E:** Children will need to come into school in their P.E kit on **Thursdays.**

### Personal Development

**PSED:** We will be continuing with our My Happy Mind journey. The children will be getting to know more of the characters and enjoying learning about their mind through stories, songs and interactive quizzes. If you have not already done so please download our My Happy Mind app for parents. Once downloaded you will need to enter our unique code, this can be found in our school office.

We will be hosting a My Happy Mind celebration event for you to come and join us for our session on the 1<sup>st</sup> July. We look forward to seeing you there.

This half term we will teach the children to tie their own shoelaces using the bunny ears method. Here is a video showing this method: [Bunny ears video](#)

Please model this method at home and encourage your child have a go at tying their own shoe laces.



## Understanding of the World

This half term, we are exploring the seaside. We will talk about the ocean and the animals that live in it. We will talk about how we can take care of our earth and investigate pollution. We will finish our exploration of the seasons by looking for signs of summer and having our own beach day. We will also explore light and dark and create our own shadow puppets.

## RE

We will explore important stories from different faiths such as the story of the milk and the jasmine flower, the Prophet and the ants and the monkey king. We will re-create some of these stories with puppet shows and explore the meaning behind them.



## Maths

In maths, we will explore the concepts of sharing and grouping using practical resources. We will introduce the concept of halving and make links to our previous learning. We will continue to rehearse our number bonds, ensuring we are confident with bonds to ten. We will learn to read simple maps and create maps of places which are familiar to us such as our school. We will revisit shape and pattern and create our own repeating patterns. Using Beebots and instruction games, we will learn about language related to direction such as forwards, backwards, left and right. We will give and follow directions and create our own treasure maps.

## Phonics

We continue to follow the Little Wandle Phonics Scheme. This half term, Reception will revisit their Phase 3 knowledge and move onto Phase 4. Please make sure you are reading with your child daily to ensure they have the chance to practice Phonics at home.

## Writing

We continue to use Drawing Club to ensure the children are excited about their writing. Our continued focus is on children writing with capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. We will be using the following books to inspire our writing this half term; The Light House Keepers Lunch, Tiddler, Commotion in the Ocean, Sharing a Shell and Somebody Swallowed Stanley. We will also be using some exciting cartoons such as Tom and Jerry and Sponge Bob Square Pants.

## Expressive Arts and Design/Music

This half term we will focus on bringing together all of the skills that we have learnt over the year together. We will use different attachment methods, to make our own dinosaur fossils, collage and observational paintings and portraits.

We will work together with our friends to compose, create and perform our own routines to an audience. In our performances we will use dance, instruments and a lot of teamwork.

## Motor Skills

We are continuing to develop our gross motor skills in PE. We will be focusing on team games and sports day activities.

We will continue focusing on our tripod grip through lots of fine motor activities. Please look at the 'Imagination Tree' for some ideas of how you can help at home.



<https://theimaginationtree.com/>