

Nursery
Summer 2
2024

Walkley Primary School Curriculum Newsletter

'Enjoyment, Achievement and Learning for life...'



Topic: Beside the Seaside

The Big Picture

In our final term of the year, we will be getting ready for the holidays by bringing the Seaside to Elmers. We will think about what we would expect to find at the seaside including sights, smells and tastes. We will be exploring the sea shore and also what lives and exists in our oceans. Beside the seaside is also a lovely topic for us to engage the children with two firm favourites; Pirates and Mermaids lending itself to some great imaginative play alongside more factual learning experiences.

Key Information and Dates

Forest School:

Week beginning 15th July

The Elmer team will let you know the week before if we will be visiting the forest during a session your child will be attending.

Please remember to check the weather forecast to allow you to dress your child appropriately. We also ask that you put your child's names into their belongings and bring them in a bag that can be hung on their peg. This will make it much easier for us to get things back to the right children.

Thank you

Communication and language

Class Texts:



Literacy Focus:

We will continue to explore our mark making skills continuing to make this fun by providing the children with a wide range of tools, different mediums and resources. Allowing the children to learn and practice forming letters, drawing shapes and developing their fine motor skills. We will be further developing our vocabulary based around our new topic and will once again use this new vocabulary for retelling stories and developing our creative play.

We will also be learning more words with the 'Word Aware' program and 'Concept Cat'

Our key concepts this half term are,

Empty
Full
More

Home Learning

At home please encourage your child to develop their independence. It would be helpful if the Elmers could practice putting on and taking off their own coats. Allow the children time to talk and share with others any exciting things they have been doing at home and try to encourage turn taking and sharing. We are also hoping to send home a toy diary for you to share some experiences with your child, record in the book and send back to school so that the children can share some exciting things they have been doing at home with their friends at school.

Thank You

Maths

Number	Numbers will continue to play a large part of our daily routines and play in Nursery. The children will see, play and experience numbers in all areas of the provision and throughout the whole day. This half term we will be using our carpet sessions to explore and learn how to make comparisons between Heavy and Light, position and direction and capacity. We will continue to each week introduce a new number song that we will repeat throughout the week to allow the children to learn the song well. We will also continue to explore numbers 1-10 through games and other resources in our environment.
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Understanding the World

History	In History we will be sharing experiences of a holiday/day trip/outing, both at home and abroad and thinking about What can we can remember from these experiences. We will look at pictures and artefacts from the past and explore what they are and talk about how they have changed over time. Finally this term we will look at how we have grown over the year and explore the changes to come as we prepare to start school. Comparing classrooms , routines, uniform etc.
Geography	Again based in our topic 'The Seaside' We will compare our experiences of holidays/day trips/outings with our friends looking at postcards and pictures of different places throughout the year and how they might have they changed over the year
Science	In Science we will explore creatures that live in the sea, naming them and looking at their differences . We will also explore the schools' grounds and observe the seasonal changes in the summer.

Physical development	The children will continue to build up the strength for writing through Dough Disco and Squiggle While you Wiggle. There will be lots of planned activities both independent and adult led, aimed at giving the children opportunities to practice holding mark making tools and helping them to develop their fine motor skills. Alongside the physical development opportunities in our outdoor area, we will be regularly taking the children to the school hall to practice a range of different skills focusing this half term on developing the children's Games Skills
Personal, social, emotional development	Our main focus this half term will be Changes We will be learning to become more outgoing with unfamiliar people, show more confidence in new social situations Develop appropriate ways of being assertive. We will continue to learn to choose and use resources that we would like to play with. Independently and sharing these resources with our friends and teachers and we will be continuing as always to develop our independence.

Expressive art and design	The children will continue to develop their imaginations in their play. They will be able to freely use junk modelling and a range of craft resources to express and develop their creativity and imaginations. We will be creating art linked to the seaside using junk modelling to create boats, collage to create beach pictures and colour mixing to create the waves/ seaweed effect.
Religious Education	This half term's RE theme is Special Places Key Question: What makes places special? Religions: Christianity, Islam, Judaism The children will be listening to stories from different religions and talking about what they have heard.