

Nursery
Summer 2
2026

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

Polite Reminders:

Please remember that whatever the weather, we will be accessing the outside area for lots of our learning. As the weather is getting warmer, please can children bring a sun hat to wear when playing outside and on hot days don't forget to apply sun cream! For all your children's items, please make sure they are clearly labelled with their name especially sun cream as we do have children with allergies. Thank you.

School Summer Fair— 28th June

Final day of school — 17th July

Dates for Children Moving into F2 (Reception)

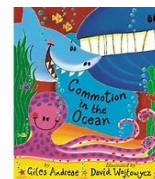
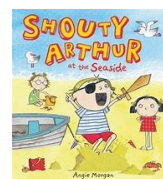
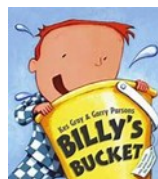
Stay and Play - 17th June 1:30—3:00 school hall

Nursery Graduation —14th July 2:15pm

Transtion Session —10am—11am 25th June

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 strength in their hands, arms and core, through a range of different fine motor activities. 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 making a range of different marks and strokes. We will continue to run, climb, ride and throw using the equipment in our outside space and participate in dancing, movement and Yoga activities linked to our topics.
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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.
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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.
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Religious Education	The RE curriculum in Nursery will be covered through celebrating and exploring cultures, traditions and celebrations as they fall in our calendar. This half term we will be talking to the children about Eid—Making Eid cards and looking at how our friends have celebrated Eid with their families
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