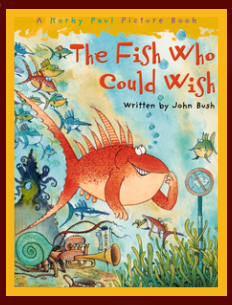
EYFS CURRICULUM NEWS
SUMMER TERM 2 2025
'FROM TIDDLERS TO GIANTS'



This term's topic is named "From Tiddlers to Giants" and we will dive into the deep blue sea to investigate fascinating sea creatures, (maybe even mermaids), beachcomb for seashells and fossils, climb beanstalks and fly with dragons! We have some magical learning planned for this term, with some magical themes and exciting and magical texts. Our imaginations will need a magic carpet just to keep up!

Enrichment -The children will learn how it feels to discover and look for treasure – both imagined and treasures of the natural world – perhaps even some jewels!. We will continue to watch as our own magical, mystical stick insects continue to grow and build an environment in which they can live.

Once we are sure that our baby Blue Tits have fledged we will explore how the birds built their nest, to help us build our own nests for some mysterious arrivals. In our quest to create characters for creative writing we will have a Pirate themed day – maybe even digging for treasure! If the Summer weather continues we are hoping to have a picnic at school, hopefully using some of the food we have grown, cooked and prepared.

We will also be creating Father's Day cards to bring home and share with father figures in our families.

As the name of the term suggests, our children have come so far this year and this is the term when we start to prepare the children for the transition to Year 1. We have carefully planned some activities to gradually ease the children into new routines to become familiar with other areas of the school. The children will also start to meet a wider variety of teaching staff and build new relationships with other adults around the school. We hope by doing so the transition becomes a positive experience and provides opportunity to talk about change and why change happens, building resilience and develop feelings of excitement as they move up to Year 1. We aim to instill in our children that their time in school is one big learning adventure and that the move up to Year 1 is one more step on the journey. We hope to be able to share our journey so far with our class assembly on Thursday 3rd July.

Literacy, Communications and Language - This term we continue to focus on writing in full sentences. We will use a variety of exciting and magical stories and texts to engage children and support their independent and creative writing. The children have already created illustrations and texts in their busy books and they will be further encouraged to do so in our continuous provision writing corner and Drawing club.

Class stories are selected to cover a range of themes to stimulate all the children's imaginations. This will include 'The Fish Who Could Wish' by John Bush. We use this as a base to create our wishes, perhaps thinking about next year, and we will follow the structure of the story, writing our own ideas. We will look at some pirate adventures such as 'The Night Pirates' by Peter Harris and 'The Pirates Next Door' by Jonny Duddle. We will use a whole host of magical creatures to help us focus on describing characters and story plots, with a beginning, middle and an end.

Phonics - We will continue to focus on blending sounds together for reading. Reinforcing both diagraphs and trigraphs – "special friends". We will also be practising the skill of segmenting sound to write 3 and 4 letter words. In writing, we are teaching children to start to put words together to write simple sentences with the use of their red "tricky words". To further develop independent writing, we will have afternoons in the Drawing Club, creating illustrations and captions to complement their pictures.

Maths - In Maths children will work on developing a depth of understanding of patterns and pattern rules. They move on from copy and continue patterns, to creating own patterns and identifying the unit of repeat. Being able to construct and discuss the pattern displays the children's understanding of pattern. We also work on position, direction and mapping. There are lots of opportunities to develop mathematical language in this theme. We have a new arrival in class, with Mrs Moore joining us on Wednesday's and she will be exploring and investigating shapes and their composition. During this term we consolidate all of the maths learning covered this year and will assess children against the early learning goals.

Understanding the World - We will talk about water, where it comes from, why we need it and how to be more environmentally responsible with water. We will look at the water cycle, and safety near water, in readiness for summer holidays and day trips out in the warmer weather. Pirates often follow a map to lead them to the treasure – so map reading and following the clues on a treasure hunt will also be part of this terms learning. We will look at treasures in nature, such as shells, pearls and precious jewels.

RE - In RE, we will use our learning to prepare us for our move to Year 1, where we will develop belief in ourselves alongside the belief's we hold in our faith. We will use questioning to help us focus on some big questions, such as "What do Christians believe God is like?" and "Why is the word 'God' so important to Christians?" Exploring the Shabbat and why it is important to some Jewish people in Britain? We will also discuss "Does it matter if a story is true or not?", which will tie in with the creativity and imagination in our topic plans.

Expressive Art and Design - We have lots of fun plans for art and crafts this term and hope to display them on the classroom boards, so please to do pop your head in at the end of the school day to have a look! We will use the book 'Rainbow Fish' to inspire some unique and individual fish art, looking at their scales and even the tails of mermaids. We will create jelly fish with recyclable resources and try out bubble painting to make some bubbly water prints. Fairy tale and favourite story characters wil be made in to puppets that will be a great addition to our role play and we may even make our own story sacks to add to our book corners. This is far from being an exhaustive list as we will always follow the interests and ideas of the children, wherever they make take us!

PE - In PE we explore team games, and tagging and dodging games. This term we are outside on large playground for our PE sessions with Mr Deverall.

Music - Our music this term workings on identifying pitch, beat and tempo. Using the music titled 'Down there under the sea' the children will work on active listening, movement in time to music and playing sea sounds with percussion instruments. The music 'Slap clap clap' uses body percussion to perform a pattern to a steady beat and incorporated a melody too.