

# Summer 2



Fun in the Sun

## Learning in Early Years

Welcome back to Nursery!, We hope you have enjoyed the Holiday! This information is designed to help you learn with your child and follow the same themes we are studying in class. We are going to be spending our time enjoying the Summer sunshine, building sandcastles, splashing in the water and visiting the Ice cream farm.

### Fun in the Sun

We will be exploring the seaside and looking at the different creatures that live in and around the ocean. The children will be able to learn about life by the sea. They will enjoy playing in our beach Shop, Beach Hut and Sand and water will be available for the children to play in every day so please ensure that they bring a change of clothing to Nursery every day.

## Learning in Literacy

### **Speaking and Listening**

We will be listening to the sounds of the seaside such as the ocean, seagulls and waves crashing on the shore. In our Phonics lessons we will continue to focus on a new sound every week from our Phase 2 Read, Write Inc scheme of work.

### **Reading**

We will be sharing stories that help us to explore the seaside such as "Look what I found at the seaside" by Paul Humpries and "At the Seaside" by Germano Zullo and Albertine. We will also be singing seaside songs and rhymes as well as learning poems that describe life by the sea.

### **Writing**

Emergent writing will be a very important part of your child's early writing development. We encourage and praise all marks made on paper and in notebooks to help children value their own work even at this early stage. We will continue to focus on the children writing their names using the correct letter formation.

### **Working together, parents as partners.**

Your child needs to bring their book bag into school every day so we can return paintings and letters from school to you. Please check this every night. You may wish to share exciting moments and achievements with Nursery via the bag as well. You can write a note, share a picture or a photograph. We love to see what the children enjoy doing at home.



## Learning Outdoors

We will be spending lots of time exploring the outdoors and investigating the changes taking place. Our outdoor environment will become a beach with a giant sand pit, deck chairs and even flying seagulls. The children will be able to experience life by the seaside and enjoy our very own beach party.

## Learning in Maths

### **Number**

We will continue to practice counting to twenty and will look at more than/ less than, What is one more/less than five? We will also focus on ensuring that the children are ready for reception by introducing them to topics and strategies that they will learn in more detail during their reception year.

### **Shape, space and measure**

We will be measuring Ingredients for our beach party food and looking at how we measure liquids. Looking at different containers we will begin to estimate which one will hold the most/least water.

## Investigation Area

We will have a selection of Natural objects such as sea shells, drift wood, seaweed and seaside plants for the children to investigate, using magnifying glasses to get a close up look at the different shapes and patterns.

## Being Imaginative with Music / Drama

We will explore and re create the sounds of the sea, enjoy singing seaside songs and maybe even a pirate shanty or two. We will be making home made shakers to recreate the sounds of crashing waves and stormy seas.

**'Children need the freedom and time to play. Play is not a luxury, play is a necessity.'** Kay Redfield Jamison



## Points to Remember

We hope you will be able to support your child's learning by helping them with the 'Home/ School Activities' that are printed on the back of this booklet. These activities follow learning and play linked to work within the nursery.

We endeavour to make Homework as fun and interactive as possible and this is a time when you can support your child and enjoy watching them learn. Always make sure that your child is enjoying doing their homework. If they're not then leave it and come back to it at another time.

Please read stories to your child every day. This will help their communication skills and imagination.

# Class Homework Projects

This term we will be sending our 'Home Learning' projects linked to our theme of "Fun in the Sun". Written below are the homework activities for this half term. We would very much like you to complete these with your child. These projects are to be completed over three weeks and link to the work we will be covering in class. We will showcase the fantastic projects/photo's on our class dojo, twitter and website and the children also enjoy having their photo taken with their creations! Below are the two project titles. We want the children to enjoy the activities and be proud of their creations. Please bring them into Nursery for us to share with the other children. We want the projects to be as creative and fun as possible so don't be afraid to take some risks and go off on a tangent!

## **Project 1- "Fun in the Sun"**

**Talk to your child about a time that you all went to the seaside, what did you do there? What did you have to eat? What sounds could you hear?**



**Create a picture of the last time you went on a trip to the seaside.**

## **Project 2- Beach Party**

The children will be having a beach party. What do you like to eat at the beach?



Plan and make your beach party packed lunch with all of your favourite snacks. Make sure you keep it nice and healthy as we'll be having lots of seaside treats! Take photos as you prepare your lunch. We will inform you of the date in due course.