

# Reception

## Pentecost 1

### Expressive Arts and Design



As part of our topic "Under the Sea" we will use different materials and media to make representations of sea creatures and paint our underwater creatures.

We will also be looking at the topic "Space" and will be using different materials and media to make planets and create pictures of our Solar System.

To help at home: Design a rocket, we will display these in class.

### Physical Development



We will continue to develop our fine motor skills through the use of handwriting patterns, scissor skills, threading and construction. This term we will concentrate on developing our handwriting and focus on forming letters correctly.

In our PE lessons we will be practising stretching and moving our bodies as well as playing games that develop hand-eye coordination skills.

To help at home: Encourage your child to correctly write their full name.

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development



Linked to RE, our main topic is 'Good News'.

During circle time children have the opportunity to talk, listen, ask questions, and contribute their own feelings and ideas to the group. They will learn to take account of one another's ideas about how to organise their activity and show sensitivity to others' needs and feelings.

Children will continue to share what work they have done in their learning logs with the rest of the class and form positive relationships with adults and other children.

To help at home: Continue to talk with your child about the weekly topic in their learning logs so that they feel confident to share this with the rest of the class.

### Mathematics



We will continue to develop our understanding of numbers and the number system by learning to count confidently forwards and backwards to 20 and beyond. We will place numbers in order and say which is one more or one less than a given number. We will learn to estimate.

Using objects we will learn to add and subtract two single-digit numbers and count on or back to find the answer.

Through practical activities we will learn to solve problems, including doubling, halving and sharing.

We will continue to develop our understanding of repeating patterns.



To help at home: Encourage your child to match number word to numerals.

### Literacy / Communication and Language

We will continue to learn the sounds letters make (phonics) and we will be learning to read and understand simple sentences.

The children will use their phonic knowledge to decode regular words and read them aloud accurately. They will also continue to read some common irregular words (tricky words).

They will develop their writing by using their phonic knowledge to begin to write words which match their spoken sounds. They will write simple sentences which can be read by themselves and others.



In class we will be reading a variety of picture books linked to our work on "Space" and "Under the Sea".

We will continue to act out stories we have listened to through role play and small world play. We will sequence stories, create story maps and begin to write about the stories we have listened to.

To help at home: Please continue to listen to your child read regularly at home.

### Understanding the World



We will learn about ways of staying safe near water. We will talk about the sea creatures and how they can be grouped. We will learn about similarities and differences between our environment and other environments such as space and under the sea.

We will experiment with and explore how and why different objects float and sink when placed into water. This will help children develop their own ideas about physical properties of objects.

To help at home: Talk to your child about the importance of taking care of the environment.