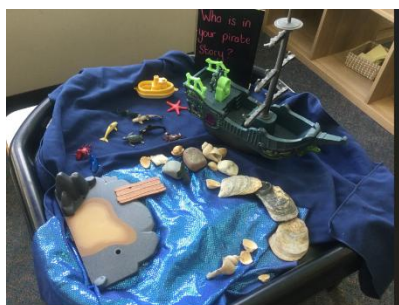


LAST TERM

Last term the children explored the topic **Pirates!** The children will be explored what it was really like to be a pirate, learning about famous pirates from long ago and why they are still remembered today. We discovered how pirates travelled across the sea, the places they visited, and how maps helped them find their way. Through stories, play, and creative activities, the children also imagined what might be hidden inside a pirate's treasure chest and why those treasures were so special. This topic inspired curiosity, creativity, and lots of adventurous learning! We particularly enjoyed dressing up as pirates, walking the plank and reading the story *Pirate Pete and his Parrot*. Thank you once again to all of the parents who attended our Pirate craft event.



TOPIC

This term, our exciting topic will be **Under the Sea**, where the children will dive into a world of exploration, imagination, and discovery. Through stories, creative activities, investigations, and play, we will be encouraging the children to ask questions and develop their understanding of the amazing underwater world. Throughout the term, we will be exploring questions such as:

- **What is an ocean and what might we find in it?**
- **What kinds of creatures live in the sea and how do they move?**
- **How are sharks, whales, and dolphins different?**
- **Where do animals live and what do they need to be happy there?**
- **What is a coral reef and why do sea creatures like living there?**
- **What happens when rubbish ends up in the ocean?**
- **Do you think mermaids are real, and what would their lives be like under the sea?**

As we investigate these questions, the children will learn about different sea creatures and their habitats, compare and classify animals, think about caring for our environment, and use their imaginations through storytelling and role play. Our learning will be enriched through books, art, music, outdoor exploration, and practical activities that encourage curiosity and conversation.

We are looking forward to an ocean of fun and can't wait to see where our underwater adventure takes us!



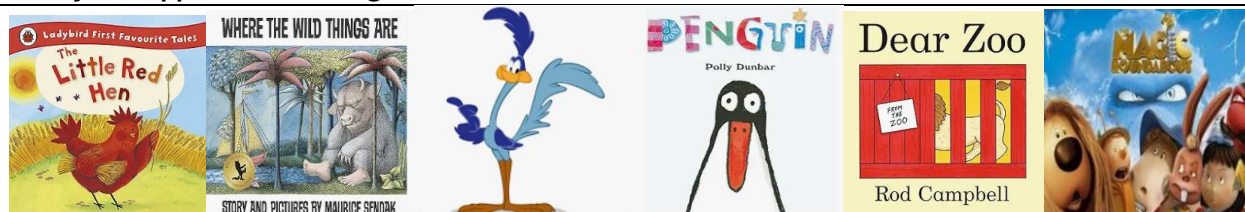
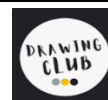
MATHS

In Reception and Nursery, we use White Rose Maths to deliver our curriculum. This term the children in reception will be focusing on sharing and grouping, comparing, visualising, building and mapping. This term we will be working with targeted children to ensure they achieve the Maths Early Learning Goal at the end of Reception and give them the foundational skills and knowledge they need to succeed in future year groups. Children in our nursery will be comparing, counting and showing 5, stopping at 1 2 3 4 5 and taking the lead on repeated patterns.

A select number of children will be completing a 'mastering number' Maths intervention each week to support them in their understanding of number.

LITERACY

In Reception, we deliver our literacy through daily Drawing club sessions. These focus on elements of storytelling such as characters, settings, and different adventure scenarios. The texts and animations we will be focusing on this term are shown below. In Nursery, children the children take part in regular Scribble Club sessions linked to nursery rhymes. These session focuses on the beginning of storytelling elements as well as building fine motor and mark making strength in preparation for writing. The children will continue with their daily phonics sessions, linked to Little Wandle and use what they have learnt to write letters and words. The children have been working really hard on their letter formation this term and are beginning to write CVC words. **Reading books need to be sent back into school on a Monday and will be sent home on the Wednesday. We appreciate all of your support with reading.**



Special events/ celebrations

- World Ocean day 8th June
- Sports Day 10th June 1:30pm
- Colour run 12th June 2:30pm
- Healthy Eating week 10-14th June
- Father day 21st June
- World Music Day 21st June
- West Fest and School Summer Fair 10th July
- Reception Graduation date TBC

PE

Reception PE day is **Friday afternoon**
This term we will be focusing our PE lessons on movement and balance focusing on different ways we can move around on and off equipment



Other

Children will be bringing home some word cards to practice at home each week. As children are progressing in their reading they have more and more 'tricky words' to learn in the mission to be a fluent reader. If you would like any more questions about this please contact Miss Dodd on class dojo.