



## Ocean Explorers

# Reception:

## Essential Knowledge

By the end of this topic children will:

- Use previous phonic knowledge to write independent captions and sentences.
- Understand how to stay safe near water and the importance of doing so.
- Take part in and complete addition and subtraction activities.
- Carry out problem solving, gaining a deeper understanding.

### Sensational Start

Pirate Day

### Extraordinary Extra

Ocean cinema experience.  
Finding Nemo.

### Fabulous Finish

Beach Day -The children come in dressed ready for the beach. Ice lollies - water fights - beach games.

### Key Dates:

Tuesday 13th June—'Scott Day'  
 Wednesday 14th June—Cygnet's Class Assembly  
 Thursday 15th June—Sponsored Bounce  
 Wednesday 21st June—Sports Day  
 Wednesday 28th June—Chicks Class Assembly  
 Friday 30th June—Reports home to parents

## —Theme Content—Curriculum links

### Literacy and C and L

The children will have the opportunity to write their own short stories. The children will write a letter to a pirate. They will be able to label treasure maps. The children will write a packing list for a diver. They will write about a pirate scene.

The children will learn and talk about newly acquired knowledge related to this topic. They will share their ideas and use these in their writing.

Key Texts -

Commotion in the Ocean.  
The Rainbow Fish.  
Lost and Found.  
Sharing a Shell.  
The fish who could wish.  
Barry the fish with fingers.

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

The children will talk about how our own actions can effect other people. We will have a focus on understanding and thinking about how to be safe near water. The children will learn the importance of teamwork. The children will be able to talk about a special celebration in their family and share it with the class. We will share our thoughts and feelings about transitioning into Year 1.



### Understanding the World

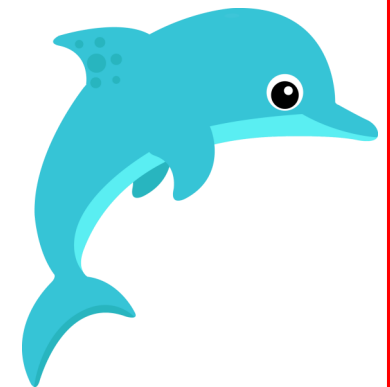
The children will talk about and understand the story of Noah's ark. They will explore and understand different types of weather. We will carry out an ice melting experiment. The children will investigate pirate maps and what they tell us. The children will learn about a significant figure - Captain Sir Tom Moore.



### Physical Development

The children will continue to focus on multi-skills, building on previously learnt skills and developing them further. We will be introducing the children into competitive team games in preparation for sports day.

The children will continue to take part in lots of free choice activities to encourage and strengthen their fine motor skills.

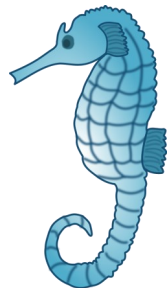


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Expressive Arts and  
Design

The children will create a pirate using paper plates. They will design and mould a clay fish. The children will discuss healthy foods and create their own fruit kebabs.

The children will work together to create their own pirate ship. We will reflect on the children's time in reception and paint a picture of their favourite activity.



Maths

The children will take part in adding and taking away activities. They will use their mathematical knowledge to double, share and group different objects. We will talk about and recognise odd and even numbers. The children will gain a deeper understanding through problem solving.



Outdoor Learning  
Sessions

The children will take part in a pirate treasure hunt. Exploring the woods for any left over treasure the pirates may have left, searching for clues on their way.

