

Seaside

SUMMER 2

What your child is learning this half term, and how you can help at home.

OUR CLASS STORY

The Storm Whale

by Benji Davies

After a storm, Noi finds a little whale on the beach and takes it home. Children write a friendship story and their own whale poem.

WE'LL ALSO SHARE

The Snail and the Whale (Julia Donaldson);
Commotion in the Ocean; *The Rainbow Fish*;
Tiddler; rhymes such as *A Sailor Went to Sea*

Reading and writing

JOINING WORDS WE'RE USING IN SENTENCES

and but because

Phonics: practising all the Reception sounds and tricky words so reading becomes quick and confident

- Reading sentences and books with growing fluency
- Writing sentences that others can read
- Writing a whale poem with describing words

Talking and listening

- Sharing ideas in class discussions
- Explaining why boats have sails and hulls
- Performing poems with expression

Feelings and friendships

- Growing up and respecting our bodies
- Feelings about moving to Year 1
- Best memories of Reception
- Online: putting our name on work we make

Moving and making

- Hopping, skipping and jumping for distance
- Throwing overarm; bouncing a ball
- Neat, confident handwriting

Maths

- Shapes inside shapes; turning and fitting
- Full, half full and empty
- Sorting, ordering our day, solving problems

Our world

- Greenland and the Inuit way of life
- Whales and ocean habitats
- Looking after our world; recording sounds

Art and music

- Designing, making and testing boats
- Clapping patterns in 3-time
- Singing games and folk dancing

How you can help at home

1. Keep reading every day over the summer holidays.
2. Talk positively about Year 1 and the new classroom.
3. Play with cups at bath time: full, empty, half full.
4. Write a postcard together and read it back.
5. Ask your child to tell you their favourite Reception memory.

Out and about

- A trip to the beach and sports day
- Year 1 visits and class swap days
- End-of-year report, including the EYFS Profile

OUR VALUES THIS HALF TERM

Safety

Respect

Integrity