

## Understanding the world

Children will begin by looking at videos and images from under the sea. We will then compare this to where we live and discuss how this is different. Children will then be looking at different types of sea creatures that live in the ocean. We will be observing them closely and sorting them by colour or pattern. Children will be investigating rock pools and exploring what happens when we freeze and melt fish in ice. Children will begin to access the ICT suite for computing lessons, where they will learn how to login and use the mouse with more control. They will use simple programs such as Revelation Natural Art to create pictures. The children will begin to learn how to say hello and goodbye in French.

## Literacy

As part of our topic, children will enjoy the story *Commotion in the Ocean* by Giles Andreae. We will then be creating puppets to act out the rhyming story in our very own puppet show. Children will also be writing lists to tell me what they have found in their marine bucket and labelling pirate maps to find the treasure! Children will also look at the stories written by Julia Donaldson such as *Snail and the Whale* and *Tiddler*. Children will write a postcard using simple sentences from the snail detailing the things he saw around the world.

## PSE Development

We will begin by carrying out a range of activities that build friendships with new children and learn new routines such as eating in the dining hall. We will set up our own class charter and will familiarise ourselves with the school golden rules. As part of Investors in Pupils, children will be involved in setting a new class target and a reward to work towards. We will play lots of games that promote sharing and turn taking.

## Commotion in the Ocean

### Upper Foundation Autumn



## Physical

Children will have weekly PE sessions, alternating between indoors and outdoors. Children will begin to dress and undress themselves when changing into their PE kit. They will enjoy a range of lessons including dance and gymnastics. Children will be creating a dance around our work on bubbles. Outside will continue to develop our ball skills and dexterity. The children will continue to develop their letter formation with a range of activities to develop and strengthen pencil grip. We will begin our cursive handwriting with a particular focus on ladder letters.

## Expressive Arts

Children will continue to develop their creativity by using a variety of different media and materials. Children will learn how to use a range of tools and materials, including construction materials to create their very own sea creature! We will look closely at the different colours and patterns of fish and then representing this carefully into our paintings. We will then develop this further by experimenting with different textures and colours to create a porthole for our class submarine. We will be diving deep into the sea in our role play area where we will be taking along our log books to draw what we see on our adventures. We will also be learning a selection of songs relating to the ocean.

## Mathematics

We will start by developing our counting skills, using books and objects to help us. We will also begin to use mathematical names for 'flat' 2D shapes, and mathematical terms to describe them. We will be using these 2D shapes to create different models in our construction area. Children will also be climbing aboard with the pirates to learn what coins they have found on their treasure hunt. We will also be finding one more and one less to help us develop our addition and subtraction skills. We will continue to learn and use positional language, focusing on locating Nemo in the deep, blue sea!