



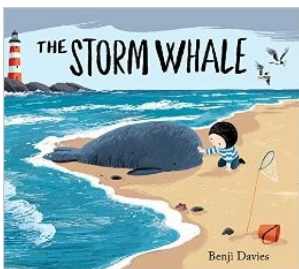
Nursery Curriculum News

April 2017

Welcome back

We hope that all the children had an enjoyable and restful break and are ready for the busy half term ahead!

Over the next few weeks, we will be focusing on under the sea stories including **The Storm Whale**, **Commotion in the Ocean** and **Grandad's Island**.



Communication and Language

Children will begin to show their understanding of prepositions such as 'under', 'on top', 'behind' as we play focused games.

Children will develop their understanding of why and how questions as we read stories and interact with them.

The children will be supported in using talk in pretending that objects stand for something else in play. For instance, we may use boxes as pirate ships or submarines in the playground.

Physical Development

Many of the children have made a lot of progress putting on their coats independently and we will continue to encourage this. Please continue to do this at home as it makes a huge difference.

As the weather continues to get warmer we will be taking our music and movements/P.E. sessions outside more frequently. Children will be practicing catching and throwing large balls.

As we encourage physical activity we will be observing the effects of activity on the body.

Personal, Social and Emotional

During circle times we will be exploring different feelings.

We will talk about how we show feelings and become aware of how some actions and words can hurt others' feelings.

Mathematical development

In Number, we will continue developing children's skills in counting groups of objects accurately. You can support this at home by encouraging children to touch the objects as they count them to ensure 1:1 correspondence.

Children will begin recognising some numerals, particularly those of personal significance.

In shapes, space and measures, children will begin to use the language of length.

Children will be recognising and beginning to name some 2D shapes. They will have opportunities to make models and pictures out of shapes.

Expressive Arts and Design

Children will be working together to create our under the sea role play area. They will be supported to act out simple narratives and use the available props to support their imaginary play.

Children will be making 3D models linked to our key stories. We have already been busy making jellyfish and fish puppets!

During music and movement children will be using movement to express their feelings.

Literacy

We will continue with our daily phonics groups. We will be supporting the children to recognise rhyme and alliteration by playing fun games such as Silly Soup and Bertha Bus. There are many stories that you can read with your children at home which will support this, including: Shark in the Park, Brown Bear Brown Bear, Dr Suess and Julia Donaldson stories, and many more. Please come and speak to me if you would like any further recommendations or stories to borrow.

Some of the children will be carrying on learning the Read, Write, Inc Set 1 sounds. They will be continuing to develop their recognition and blending skills.

Children will be starting to suggest how stories might end. They will also be using the front covers and illustrations to predict what a story may be about.

Children will continue to practice recognising their names and other familiar words. We have been very pleased with how many children have begun to write their names and we will continue to support this in Nursery.

Understanding the world

Very soon we will be receiving caterpillars which we will be watching grow and change into a chrysalis and then a butterfly.

The children will also be talking about people who help us, including the police and doctors. We will be having a visit from both.



Forest School

Hadley is currently training to be a Forest Leader NVQ level 3. This means that there will be lots of exciting activities for the children this year. The children will be making leaf crowns, using tools (including peelers, saws and palm drills), building fires to make hot chocolate, pond dipping and lots more! The children will be supervised at all times and all Health and Safety guidelines will be followed and risk assessments carried out. There will be a letter sent out soon giving information but if you have any questions or concerns please speak to Hadley.



Reading bags

For all of the new children and any who have not yet done so, book bags are available to buy from Reception. Please check book bags as there may be important information inside as well as things your child has made. Books will be changed every Tuesday.



Reminder

We would like to remind all parents that the children should not be bringing toys from home into Nursery. We cannot guarantee that the toy will not be lost or damaged. If there is a particular book or toy that the child wishes to show their peers it can be brought in on Friday for a short show and tell.

Thank you for all of your hard work and support!