

PLANNING GRID – Nursery – Spring Term 1

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Develop new friendships and welcome new intake.
- Establish and re-establishing routines and boundaries.
- Try new activities and explore with sensory resources.
- Develop independent dressing skills (shoes, socks, coats, zips, buttons etc.).
- Play turn taking games.
- Circle time games to introduce new intake – Empty Chair
- Circle times to share experiences
- Circle time discussions – friendship, sharing and being kind.
- PSE stories –e.g. Rainbow Fish,

Physical Development

- Water movements – travelling in different ways – carrying water / pouring water / jumping in water
- Throwing and aiming game – Splish, Splash, Splosh
- Riding bikes using pedals.
- Action songs and rhymes – developing co-ordination.
- Perfecting pencil grip and control – writing name and drawing simple shapes.
- Practising scissor grip and control – cutting lines and shapes – icicles
- Fine motor activities – painting with cotton buds, threading etc.).
- Learning about healthy food and trying new tastes at snack time
- Washing hands
- ‘Bin It’ – tissues after using
- Yoga from Cosmic Kids relating to Pirates & Under the Sea

Communication and Language

- RWI phonics Fred games for all children,
- Rhyming, alliteration and initial sounds.
- Following 2/3 step instructions.
- Read, talk about and look a variety books about water including information books. Also RWI books
- Introducing vocabulary relating to topic through investigations
- Using prepositions – top of the sea, bottom of the sea. Play the game – Where do you want your coloured raindrop to go?

Literacy

- Recognising names – checking in daily using name cards
- Name writing – tracing, copying, independent writing
- Mark making opportunities around classroom – role play, outdoors and in varied media (salt, gloop etc.).
- Giving captions for pictures
- Adults to model writing lists, captions, sentences
- Singing and learning new songs.
- Story times – whole class and small groups
- Borrowing books – look at titles, blub etc.
- Phonic games
- Writing Valentine day card
- Core Books – Commotion in the Ocean, Pirate Pete, Guess How Much I Love You**



Water

Understanding the World

- Exploring shells, stones, seaweed from the beach.
- Non-fiction books about the sea
- Purple Mash
- Water Investigations – Water words – different types of water – cold, hot, freezing, dirty, clear, cloudy etc.
- Floating & sinking – properties of water
- Investigations - Why do we need water? Why do plants need water?
- Clean water /dirty water – Not a drop to drink!
- Winter activities – caring for bulbs outside
- Commotion in the Ocean. – naming sea creatures
- Chinese New Year – learning through taking part in celebrations
- Chinese visitor TBA
- Valentine’s Day – Making a card for home & ? a nursery friend?
- Small world play – Pirates, Noah’s Ark, Seaside
- IPad Apps

Mathematics

- Counting up to 3, 5 then 10 with fish, ducks
- Number Rhymes and songs
- Ordering to 1-3 then to 5 – numerals and amounts.
- Washing line game
- Investigating numbers
- Number problems – maths games – iPad games
- Writing numbers and symbols.
- Counting our Pirates treasure – Maths game
- Counting how many small jugs to fill the large jug
- Ordering jugs, boats, fish by size
- Ordering two items by capacity
- Positional language
- Weighing and talking about amounts when baking and making salt dough.
- Ordinal numbers 1st, 2nd, etc. when racing boats
- Ordinal numbers during Chinese New Year Story

Expressive Arts and Design

- Winter collages – link to winter stories – snow, ice, winter colours
- Paintings for display
- Paper plate design a fish.
- Sugar painting jelly fish
- Bubble pictures.
- Water paints / Aqua crayons
- Learning names of and playing instruments
- Making musical instruments
- Various sensory activities (mud, gloop, play dough, slime, ice).
- Role play – Commotion in the Ocean / Pirates / treasure maps / messages in a bottle / pirate stories
- Role play – Chinese Restaurant
- Chinese Dragons / Dragon dance / Chinese New Year music and song – Music Express
- Pirate Adventure Day – Treasure hunt, Games, dressing up, songs, Yoga, Dancing, Stories

