

Summer 2 - Super Summer and the Sea

Introduction

This term's "**Super Summer and the Sea**" theme will take children on an underwater adventure, exploring sea creatures, ocean environments, and the beauty of summer by the sea. Through storytelling, hands-on experiences, and creative projects, children will develop an appreciation for marine life, water safety, and ways to care for our oceans. We look forward to a wonderful journey together as we dive into the mysteries and marvels of the sea!

Communication and Language

Vocabulary Building: Introduce new words like ocean, seaweed, coral, reef, and beach. Create a word wall to encourage children to use this vocabulary in their play.

Descriptive Game: Use a feely bag with small sea creature toys. Children will describe the creature they feel using their best vocabulary, while others guess which creature it is.

Underwater Imagery: Imagine going on a submarine adventure. Children will describe what they might see, hear, and feel, helping them use expressive language and full sentences.

Sea Creature Role Play: Children will role-play as various sea creatures, practicing descriptive and action words as they interact in imaginary underwater scenarios.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Water Safety: Discuss water safety and ways to stay safe around the sea. Children will reflect on their experiences near water and learn how to act responsibly. Hopefully we will have a visit from the local lifeguards.

Self-Regulation and Relaxation: Listen to wave sounds and guided meditations to encourage calmness. Discuss techniques for handling emotions and frustrations, drawing from nature's calming effect.

HeartSmart: This term's HeartSmart topic, "**No Way Through' isn't True!**", focuses on resilience and perseverance, encouraging children to keep trying, especially when tasks seem difficult or overwhelming.

Friendship and Conflict Resolution: Using stories like *Sharing a Shell* and *The Storm Whale*, children will discuss qualities of friendship, empathy, and the importance of caring for living

Physical Development

Sea Swimmer Movements: Children will move like different sea creatures (e.g., dive like a whale, jump like a dolphin, scuttle like a crab) as part of a sea-themed movement challenge.

Fine Motor Skills: Create starfish using pipe cleaners and beads, focusing on pincer grip development. Children will also use tweezers to collect shells and small objects from a sand tray.

Obstacle Course: Set up a rockpool-themed course where children jump across "rocks" without falling into the "water," practicing balance and coordination.

Space-Themed Movement and Coordination: In the "**iCreate Space Cadets**" unit, children will climb aboard an imaginary rocket to explore outer space. This activity will help them develop creativity, coordination, and object control through large ball skills and activities involving travelling with objects. Children will learn to

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	things.	copy movements, offer their own ideas, and reflect on what they enjoy in movement, building confidence and adaptability.
<p><u>Literacy</u></p> <p>Phonics Practice: Play "Rock Pool Jumping" with letters or phonics words, where children identify sounds or blend words before jumping across "rock pools."</p> <p>Under the Sea Stories: Read books like <i>The Snail and the Whale</i>, <i>Sharing a Shell</i>, and <i>Rainbow Fish</i> to engage children in storytelling and discussions about the ocean.</p> <p>Creative Writing and Poster Making: Children will create posters about their favourite sea creatures, practicing descriptive language and phonics to write labels.</p> <p>Letter Formation: Use sensory trays like a jelly sea or coloured shaving foam "oceans" for children to practice forming letters and writing words.</p>	<p><u>Mathematics</u></p> <p>Counting and Quantities: Use fish cutouts and number cards for counting activities, where children add "scales" to each fish based on the numbers shown.</p> <p>Capacity Exploration: Experiment with containers in a water play station, comparing capacity and using language like full, empty, and half-full.</p> <p>Pattern Creation: Children will create repeating patterns with sea-themed items, practicing recognition and extension of patterns.</p> <p>Measuring Shells: Using seashells, children will compare and line them up by size, practicing terms like biggest, smallest, longest, and shortest.</p>	<p><u>Understanding the World</u></p> <p>Ocean Exploration: Children will create a mini ocean environment with water, seaweed, and small sea creatures, exploring concepts of floating and sinking.</p> <p>Ice and Temperature Exploration: Freeze small sea toys in ice blocks for children to observe and melt, introducing ideas of temperature and change.</p> <p>Environmental Awareness: Discuss ocean pollution and watch videos about the 'Great Pacific Garbage Patch'. Children will rescue sea creatures from a Tuff Tray setup and sort "rubbish" into recycling bins, learning about the importance of keeping oceans clean.</p> <p>World Map Exploration: Use globes and maps to show where the oceans are located, introducing geographical vocabulary and understanding of the planet.</p>
<p><u>Expressive Arts and Design</u></p> <p>Sea-Themed Art: Create fish and jellyfish out of paper plates, using colours and textures to explore ocean life. Children will use paint, glitter, and sequins to decorate.</p>		



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Sand Art: Children will use sand to create textured art on black paper, painting with PVA glue to make ocean-inspired designs.

Under the Sea Dance: Listen to “Under the Sea” and encourage children to create their own ocean-themed dances, interpreting the music with movements like fish swimming or dolphins leaping.

Loose Parts Fish Art: Create fish with small, shiny items like sequins, glass beads, and shells, exploring patterns and textures as children arrange materials.

Water Play: Children will explore water play with bottles, jugs, and funnels, discussing concepts like pouring and capacity with blue-coloured water.

Transient Art with Shells: Using shells and loose parts, children will create transient art in the shape of a large shell on the ground, exploring shapes, symmetry, and teamwork.

Wave Art: Draw wave patterns on the ground with chalk, then use water and paintbrushes to “paint” over them, discussing sea patterns and encouraging mark-making.