

Nursery Bees

Summer 2

This term we will be learning all about seaside adventures and discovering what animals live in the sea. We will be putting an emphasis on developing certain skills this term as we prepare your children for their transition into Reception in September. Any support you can give with these at home will help your child enormously as they move into their first formal year of primary school.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be continuing to encourage the children to develop and extend their friendships and find ways of solving conflicts in amicable ways, supporting them to learn these important life skills. We will be preparing the children for Reception.

Physical Development

We will be continuing with our outdoor physical activities this half-term, using the yard and field to develop ball skills, running, balance and coordination skills. We will be preparing for Sports Day, taking part in team games and encouraging everyone in taking part and having fun. We will continue to develop our fine motor skills using an array of resources to enable your children to develop control and be able to write their names in preparation for Reception.

Communication and Language

We will be working on following 2- and 3-part instructions to demonstrate good listening and understanding. We will be encouraging the children to enjoy our stories of the week, reciting parts of them and being able to use and understand why questions to deepen the children's understanding. We will be encouraging the children to express their own views with peers and adults through meaningful play and interactions. We will be continuing to talk about events now and in the past using appropriate tenses.

Mathematics

This half term we will be looking at mathematical problems and how to solve them using fingers, objects and marks. We will be using rhymes to help us count forwards and backwards. We will be continuing our work on repeating patterns to see if we can spot any errors. We will be looking at 2D and 3D shapes and combining them as we build. We will also be reciting numbers and touch counting carefully.

Literacy

We will be continuing to practise writing our names using our name cards in school. We have a wide range of fiction and non-fiction books related to the seaside and sea animals. We are eager to inspire a love of reading stories both at home and school, so we will continue with our own home learning library this term, sending books home for you to share with your child. Remember to talk about the illustrations when looking at these stories and encourage them to suggest what they think will happen next. Phase 1 Phonic and Maths activities will be sent home as part of their home learning to include suggested activities to do with your child.

Understanding the World

We will be exploring and learning about sea animals and their habitats. We will be looking at ways to show care and respect for the beach environment and animals living there. Through role-play and stories we will be exploring different occupations, cultures and countries. Our role play area will be a seaside café and a pirate themed dress up area

Expressive Arts and Design

We will be using a range of materials and mark making tools to create models and representational drawings. We will be continuing to investigate colour and colour mixing using paints. The children love to access the small world and construction areas so we will be supporting them to build more complex small worlds and structures. We will be singing a range of songs and incorporating the use of musical instruments to control the sounds they make.

Reminders:

- ◆ Please ensure all uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name.
- ◆ Please ensure you read the letter that has already will be sent out to tell you about reports and sports day.
- ◆ Keep up to date with our story and song of the week on our school website.
- ◆ Please do still put cream on your child on days when it is due to be warm, we would only apply it if the consent form has been completed and your child was being exposed to long outdoor play sessions or was staying for long periods of time in Nursery. Please could you also ensure your child has a sun-hat or cap (clearly labelled with their name on it) to wear for outdoor play too. No sunglasses in case of any trips and falls.
- ◆ Please remember to send a plastic water bottle containing water only with your child's name on it especially in the summer term as they will need regular access to water.
- ◆ Diary dates for this half term include:
 - Sports Day – Wednesday 10th June 2026 at 9am
 - Summer Joining in – Wednesday 17th June 2026 at 1.45pm-2.45pm
 - New Reception Parents– Tuesday 16th June 2026 9am (more information to follow, this is for the parents who have children starting Bailey Green Reception September 2026)