



UNDER THE SEA

Developing Children's Vocabulary

Our topic for the next three weeks is Under the Sea.

The children will be thinking about their own experiences of the seaside and the kinds of animals and plants they might find there. We will be developing a role play area through the topic and using the children's ideas to add to the space. They will be using creative materials to make their own fish, sea creatures and sea scenes as well as creating a beautiful 'Under the sea' wall hanging for our newly refurbished outdoor area. The children will be encouraged to mark make, cut and stick and start to explore how colours can be chosen for a purpose.

We will be looking at books about fish, the seaside, sea creatures, mermaids/men in both story books and non-fiction books. The children will have the opportunity to talk about their own experiences of going to the seaside, swimming in the sea and the kinds of animals and plants they might find there.

Key vocabulary:

Sea, beach, sand, seaside, seaweed, pebbles, stones, shells, fish, octopus, shark, seal, whale, mermaid, merman, boats, submarine, ocean, waves, crab, lobster.

Stories:

Some of the stories we will be looking at are;

Rainbow Fish – Marcus Pfister

Fidgety fish and friends – Ruth Galloway and Paul Bright

Seashore – Usborne, Lucy Beckett-Bowman

The snail and the whale – Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler

Smiley Shark – Ruth Galloway

The Singing Mermaid – Julia Donaldson and Lydia Monks

Sharing a Shell – Julia Donaldson and Lydia Monks