

Hedgehog's Curriculum Letter

'Splash!'

What do we know about water?

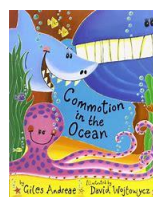
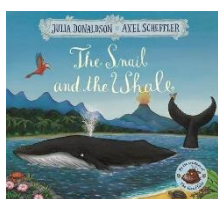
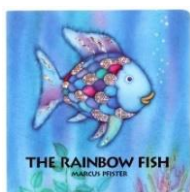


Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you've had an enjoyable Easter Break and are ready for term 5. Our Water topic is going to run over two terms. We are going to be learning about 'Under the Water' first and then, after May half term, we will be learning about things that happen 'Above the Water'.

We will be enjoying finding out about how essential water is, where it comes from, what we need it for and how we can look after our water sources.

Our key texts this term will be:



Areas of Learning:

Literacy – We will be continuing to focus on using high frequency words in our writing as well as spelling words with more than one syllable. We will also be writing our own stories based on the texts we are reading, as well as looking closely at the characters, settings and events of the stories we are sharing. We will be exploring other genres of writing such as postcards and our fact files.

Maths – In Maths, we will be solving problems that apply all of the skills we have learnt so far. As well as this, we will be continuing to develop our knowledge of number, addition, number bonds, practising doubling and halving as well as noticing patterns in our number system. We will be thinking about 3D shapes, where we may notice these and their properties.

In other areas of the EYFS, we will be making links with our water theme, such as learning about things that float and sink and why this happens. We will be thinking about our impact on the water system and finding out about different underwater species.

We will also be exploring and celebrating the Queens Platinum Jubilee and finding out about traditions in her family and in ours. If you have any family photos, or knowledge of your wider family tree please feel free to share this with us as part of this learning.

Home Learning

Reading	Children will continue to have their books for a week at a time, this is part of our new phonics scheme and supports children in developing their fluency and recall in reading without needing to spend lots of time decoding.
Books	We now have a brand new set of books to support with our reading development and it's really important these are looked after and brought in daily. Please keep the reading book and comments book in the plastic zipped wallet along with your child's phonic sounds and focus words.
Library Books	We will be changing books on a Monday (or Tuesday during the bank holiday weeks) and will send home new words and sounds on a Friday. Children will also bring home a Library book on a Friday which they can enjoy at home.
Words & Phonics Sounds.	When reading at home with your child you are welcome to enjoy comics, books from home and magazines as well as the 'school book', using their reading skills of decoding, sounding out, high frequency words and discussions to build a love of reading in a variety of ways.

Splashing Home Challenges!

If you want to further your learning at home, you might like to try one or more of these challenges:

- ✚ Paint a picture or make a collage of an under the sea image. What can you see under the sea?
- ✚ Write your own sea character themed stories or adventure.
- ✚ Can you visit
- ✚ With an adult's help, find some objects around your house and test to see whether they float or sink when you put them in water. See if you can predict first what you think will happen and then see if you were right!

Websites and Links

- www.ictgames.co.uk and www.topmarks.co.uk for Literacy and Maths games.
- www.phonicsplay.co.uk Phase 3, 4 and 5 games, blending sounds and words.
- www.mymaths.co.uk – Maths Games
- If you wish to make learning games to have fun at home, you can print from www.twinkl.co.uk and browse the EYFS Reception section.



Quick Reminders

- Please can you make sure your child brings in a water bottle, with water in and their book bag with reading book in, into school each day.
- Our PE day has changed and is now a Monday and Friday but PE kits should be in all week.
- Sunhats are essential in the warmer weather when we are outside for longer periods of time. We are not permitted to apply sun cream to any child, so children must have it applied before they come to school. You are welcome to send in a named sun cream that your child can apply themselves at lunchtime.

We are also welcoming Mrs Roberts and Miss Fairfield to Hedgehog class this term, so please do say hello if you see them.

Please do not hesitate to come and speak to us if necessary.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Whythe