

# What are we learning this half term?

Some of our subjects link to a theme which we call the Learning Quest. Other subjects are taught as stand alone.

## Little Acorns Nursery Spring 1

### Learning Quest – Adventures at sea!



#### Literacy Development

Understand that print can have different purposes, e.g. a shopping list, story, recipe, etc.  
Develop their phonological awareness so they can clap the syllables in words.  
Begin to write some of their name.  
Start RWI Phonics, learning set 1 sounds.

#### Communication and Language Development

Develop their communication skills and begin to use more complex sentences to link thoughts.  
Use a wider range of vocabulary linked to our topic.  
Develop their pronunciation of words.  
Talk about what they see using a wide vocabulary.

#### Mathematics

Recognising numbers 0-6  
Introduce tens frame  
Begin to represent numbers using fingers, marks on paper or pictures.  
Identifying 2D shapes in the environment.  
Make comparisons between objects relating to capacity.

#### Physical Development

Use large muscle movements to wave flags and streamers, paint and make marks.  
Improve balance by standing on one leg, walking along a bench, climbing.  
Small tools; cutlery, tweezers, pipettes, scissors, pencil grip.

#### Understanding of the World

Locate oceans and seas on the map.  
Begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things.  
We can plan routes on a map.  
Use all their senses in hands on exploration of natural materials.

#### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Making friends  
Identifying emotions  
Seeking help from adults and peers  
Achieving goals  
Digital Me  
Why do we have to be careful?

#### SMSC & British Values

Talk about different festivals and celebrations including Lunar New Year, Shrove Tuesday and St. Valentine's Day. Talk about the values and traditions that you celebrate with your family and friends.

##### British Values

Discuss rules and why we have them. Recap class rules, school rules and Bebowes.

#### Expressive Arts and Design

Create an ocean in an egg box.  
Take part in simple pretend play, using an object to represent something else even though they are not similar.  
Listen with increasing attention to sounds.  
Increasingly be able to use and remember sequences and patterns of movements which are related to music and rhyme.

#### Home Learning and Updates

Please practise and support your child at home to dress themselves, establish toilet routines, feed themselves and use a knife and fork correctly. Support your child to recognise and begin to write their name, count and order numbers and sing familiar songs and rhymes. As part of our Learning Quest, discuss ocean creatures, explore maps of the world and visit the seaside or an aquarium.

**Nursery Rhymes:** Go, Pirate Go, Baby Shark, Over the deep blue sea, Down in the deep blue sea, Once I caught a fish alive.

