

Our topic this half term is **Water and In the Garden**. This topic web will give you some idea of the work we will be carrying out in all areas of learning in Reception.

### Communication, Language and Literacy

The children will:

- Begin to make predictions and make comments or ask and respond to 'how' and 'why' questions about topic related stories such as Jack and the Beanstalk
- Learn to listen and respond appropriately to each other's opinions and ideas.
- Express themselves using appropriate language and.
- Begin to plan and write their own stories using known stories as models such as Jack and the Beanstalk.
- Write for a range of purposes and audiences for example speech bubbles and think bubbles for characters in stories such as Rainbow Fish.
- Continue to develop their letter formation and orientation
- Use a range of modelled reading skills such as blending sounds, re-reading a sentence to work out an unknown word.

### Mathematics

The children will:

- Add and subtract to solve simple practical problems e.g. pirates going overboard!
- Solve problems that involve halving and doubling numbers e.g. double Jack's beans and money.
- Become secure with numbers from 10 to 20 through a range of practical activities e.g. finding one more/one less using a number line and then mentally, climb up a numbered beanstalk using a dice, adding the pirates' treasure.
- Hunt for 2d and 3d shapes in sand and use shapes to make images and models such as a pirate ship.
- Use non-standard units to measure, e.g. measuring our bean stalks, estimate and measure the capacity of their own boats.
- Create and describe patterns using a range of resources to make a mermaids tail.

### Physical Development

The children will:

- Jump and land successfully and move in different ways in games such as the Bean Game, Sharks!
- Develop their skills in cutting, joining and constructing models such as a boat.
- Manage their own safety and self-care e.g. fastening coats and shoes.
- Develop grip and control of pencils and other tools for writing and recording.
- Take part in PE sessions led by our sports coaches.

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### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

The children will:

- Be confident to share their ideas and feelings in a controlled manner.
- Organise themselves and cooperate with each other in a range of situations.
- Show sensitivity to others' needs and feelings through talk.
- Participate in Show and Tell, developing their confidence and take in to account others' opinions and ideas.

### Understanding of the World

The children will:

- Observe, compare and discuss how their bean stalks have changed and grown.
- Learn about environments that are different to theirs including tropical islands that pirates may have visited.
- Talk about the fact that not everyone has or enjoys the same things drawing upon stories to support their understanding.
- Cook on a weekly basis using our weekly themes to inspire them e.g. tasting different cooked and raw beans
- Select and use a range of familiar technologies confidently for different purposes e.g. recording the growth of their bean stalk using iPads.
- Learn about how people lived in the past e.g. Jack and his mother from Jack and the Beanstalk.

### Expressive Arts and Design

The children will:

- Use different media for their own creations e.g. collage of a beanstalk, a peephole castle
- Design and make 3d models such as mermaids, props for our role play area for Jack and the Beanstalk, pop up books.
- Participate in drama, acting and dance inspired by our mini themes this term.
- Dress up as pirates and mermaids for dress up day!
- Have weekly music sessions with Mrs Walker.
- Learn new songs relating to the topic e.g. growing beans song, spring songs, and pirate songs.
- Use their imaginations to turn themselves into pirates and mermaids and characters from stories we're sharing this term.