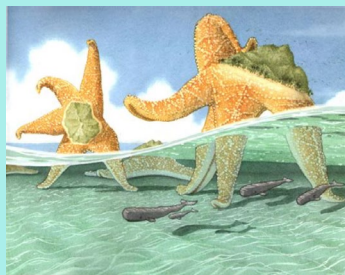




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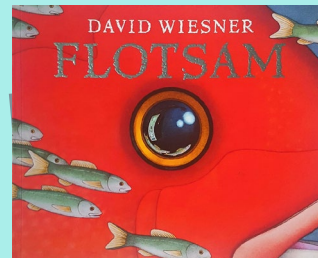


DAVID WIESNER FLOTSAM



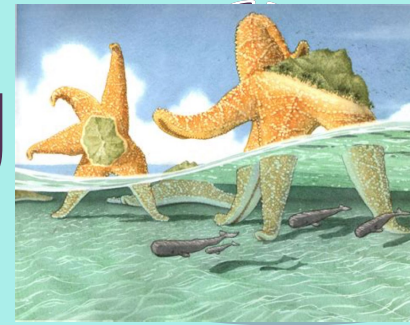
Term 6 Overview

This half term, our learning will be inspired by the captivating picture book Flotsam by David Wiesner and the exciting world of pirates! Children will explore underwater adventures, treasure hunts, and life at sea through a range of hands-on, imaginative activities. We'll be developing key skills across the EYFS curriculum through beach-themed sensory play, creative art projects, role play, and teamwork challenges. Highlights include making treasure maps, investigating floating and sinking, and enjoying a fun-filled Pirate Day where children can dress up and take part in themed games and stories. We'll also enjoy a local visit to enrich our understanding of the natural world. Each week, children will be invited to bring in a themed item (or upload a picture to Tapestry) for show and tell to help build their confidence and communication skills.





Term 6 Learning



Communication & Language

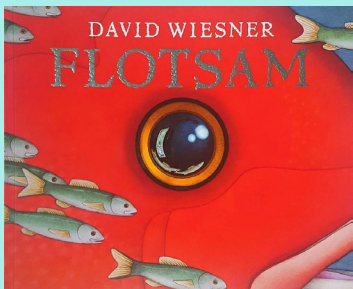
This term, we will be developing children's communication and language skills through rich storytelling, imaginative role play, and themed discussions linked to Flotsam and pirates. Children will be encouraged to express their ideas, ask questions, and build new vocabulary as they explore underwater adventures and pirate life. They will take part in small group conversations, retelling parts of the story using props and puppets, and engaging in role play scenarios such as a pirate ship or treasure island. Show and tell sessions each week will also support speaking and listening skills, helping children to grow in confidence when sharing their thoughts and responding to others.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

The children will work together in small groups during treasure hunts, role play, and problem-solving tasks, helping to develop their confidence, independence, and ability to cooperate with others. Circle time discussions and themed storytelling will provide opportunities to talk about feelings, friendships, and looking after our environment. As we move through the term, we will begin to gently prepare the children for their transition to Year 1 by encouraging increased independence, resilience, and responsibility in their daily routines and learning.

Physical Development

Children will strengthen their core muscles and coordination through large-scale movement tasks such as obstacle courses, balance challenges like "walking the plank," and outdoor treasure hunts. Fine motor skills will be supported through creative tasks like cutting, threading, using tweezers in sensory play, and making pirate props such as hats and telescopes. As we prepare the children for Year 1, there will be a growing emphasis on independence in managing their own self-care, dressing, and using tools and equipment safely and confidently during play and learning activities.



Term 6 Learning

Literacy

Our Literacy learning will be inspired by the beautifully illustrated wordless book Flotsam and the exciting world of pirates. Children will develop their comprehension and storytelling skills by exploring the illustrations, sequencing events, and retelling the story in their own words. They will be encouraged to create their own pirate-themed stories, a message in a bottle and maps helping to develop their vocabulary and sentence-building skills. Phonics sessions will continue to support reading and writing through daily practice. As we prepare the children for Year 1, we will focus on building confidence in independent writing, applying phonics knowledge, and developing a love for books and storytelling.

Maths

We will be consolidating the key skills developed throughout Reception, with a focus on doubling and halving, sharing and grouping quantities, visualising and solving problems, exploring patterns and relationships in greater depth, and designing and interpreting simple maps using positional language.

Expressive Art and Design

We will design and make pirate hats, telescopes, treasure maps, and underwater collages, using mixed media to express their ideas. Children will develop their imaginative play through pirate role play and storytelling, using props and costumes to bring their adventures to life. They will also explore music and movement by learning sea shanties.

Understanding of the World

Children will develop their understanding of the world around them through exciting explorations linked to Flotsam and pirates. We will investigate floating and sinking, explore natural materials found at the beach, and learn about sea creatures and how to care for our oceans. Children will also explore simple maps and compasses, talk about different environments, and compare life on land to life at sea.

Additional Information

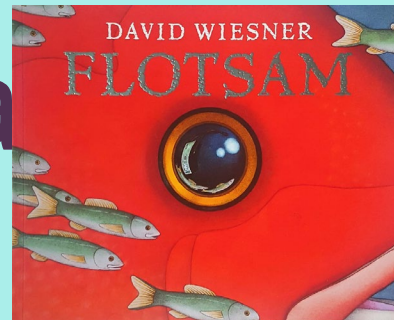


PE Days

P.E will to be on a Monday, Wednesday and Thursday so please ensure P.E kits are in for those days. Children will go home in their P.E kits on Thursday ready to be washed.

Forest School

Forest school will continue to be on a Tuesday, so please ensure wetsuits and wellies are in school ready for any wet weather we may have.



Key Dates

- 3rd June: Back to school
- 4th June: Class Photos
- 10th June: Dance competition
- 13th June: Grange Fest
- 14th July: Reception Show
- 16th July: Sports Day
- 17th July: End of Term Disco
- 18th July: Break up

Reading

Please continue to read regularly at home to help your child progress within their reading. We would also like to encourage children to record in their reading journals to share their thoughts about the book.

Hot Weather!

With the temperatures continuing to rise, please ensure that your child has a labelled sun cream and sunhat in school to keep your child protected from the sun.





Useful Links

Oxford Owl

Oxford Owl is a fabulous resource for many subject areas and offers a very good reading range with many free resources.

Please follow this link:

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/user/signup.html>
which will allow you to create a home login with Oxford Owl. Once you have joined up and signed in, please follow this link: Free eBook library | Oxford Owl from Oxford University Press This will take you to the eBooks suitable for sharing at home.

Phonics

Watch the following link to improve your phonics knowledge to ensure you are saying the sounds correctly.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TkXcabDUg7Q>

Top Marks

Play these fun Maths Games for 3-5 year olds.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/3-5-years/counting>

Phonics play

A site packed with interactive phonics games which is great for child development within phonics.

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>



Doubling Song

To continue to promote strong doubling in maths, listen to this great song!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=At0quRa90rs>

