

# Curriculum Information

## Summer Term 1 2026



Welcome to our nursery newsletter! This term our topic is “Under the Sea.” The children will be exploring the wonderful world of the ocean through a range of fun and engaging activities.

Throughout the term, the children will learn about different sea creatures, ocean colours, and what it might be like under the water. We will be sharing poems and stories, singing songs, creating sea-themed artwork, and enjoying sensory play linked to our topic. These activities will help to support the children’s language, creativity, and curiosity as they learn through play.

We are very excited to begin our Under the Sea adventure and look forward to sharing the children’s learning and experiences with you throughout the term. Thank you for your continued support.

### Tuesday is PE Day

This term we will be learning ball skills! Please make sure your child comes to school wearing their school PE kit on this day so they are all set and ready. Items of kit include a white t-shirt, shorts or joggers, and trainers or pumps. All clothing should be compliant with the school uniform policy.

Please make sure that all PE items are labelled—just like everyday uniform—to ensure that items can be returned to their rightful owner straight way.

### Thank You for Your Support

Your kind donations really do make a difference to our curriculum. They help us to provide extra resources for activities such as baking, food tasting, and special additions, such as a wormery, for the children to enjoy.

If you would like to donate this term, please bring your contribution to Nursery in an envelope clearly labelled with your child’s name. Thank you so much for helping us continue to make learning fun and engaging. for all our children!

If you ever have any questions, concerns, or would simply like to talk about your child’s time at nursery, please don’t hesitate to speak to Mrs Ward or Mrs Crowther. We’re always happy to help and support you and your child.

### Ready for the Sunshine

As the weather starts to get a little warmer, we’ll be making sure everyone stays safe in the sun while they enjoy playing outside. Please remember to send your child to nursery with a hat, and as always, make sure it is clearly labelled with your child’s name.

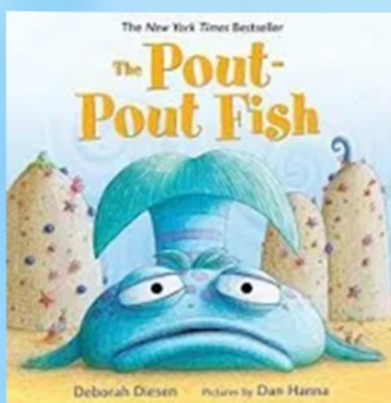
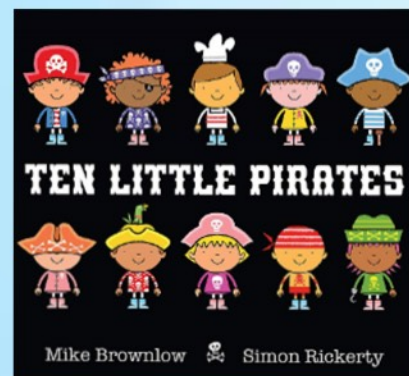
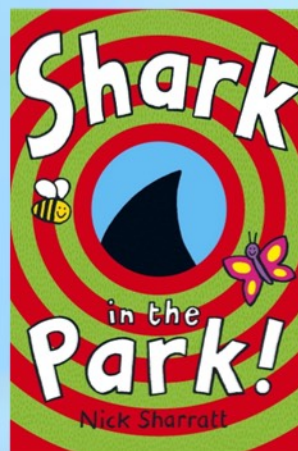
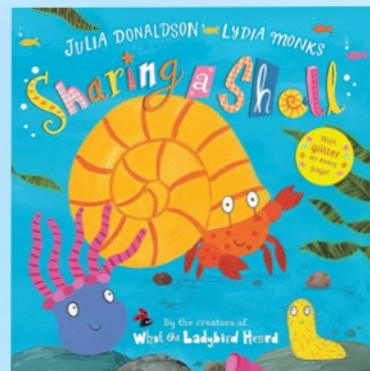
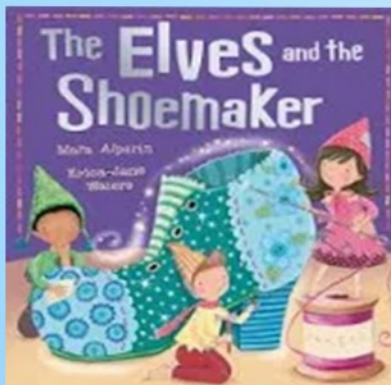


### Friday is Library Day

Please remember to bring your child’s library book back to school before Friday each week. That way, it can be changed for the following week. Let’s work together to encourage a love of reading!

## Our Books This Term

This term we'll be sharing these books during our daily story time. We'll enjoy new characters, pick up lots of exciting new words, and bring the stories to life through role play and small-world play, retelling and acting out different parts of the stories.



Our learning will focus on developing skills across the Seven Areas of Learning Development. Here's an overview of what we'll be exploring this term:

## Prime Areas of Learning

### Communication and Language

This term, we'll be chatting, sharing ideas, and practising our listening skills through lots of fun activities.

We'll talk about the ocean and learn how we can help keep it clean and safe for sea creatures. We'll explore sharing through the story *Sharing a Shell* and have fun following treasure maps, which helps us practise listening carefully.

We'll also look at photos of our holidays and talk about visits to the seaside, sharing our favourite memories. We'll compare old seaside photos with our own and chat about the things we see and do at the beach.



### Physical Development

This half term we'll be keeping active in lots of exciting ways!

In our weekly PE sessions, we'll be focusing on ball skills, practising rolling, throwing, catching, and kicking—helping us build coordination, balance, and confidence.

We'll continue our 'Squiggle Whilst We Wiggle' sessions, where movement games help strengthen the muscles we need for writing. Plus, our 'Funky Fingers' activities will give our little hands and fingers extra practice for mark-making and early writing.



### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We'll be learning how to share and respect our spaces with friends and adults around us.

We'll also think about how our actions affect others and explore ways to be helpful and kind. Children will discover how their behaviour can make a difference, not just for themselves, but for everyone around them—helping us grow into thoughtful, caring friends.

## Specific Areas of Learning

### Literacy

This term, children who are starting school in September will begin their Read Write Inc (RWI) speed sound lessons. They'll learn the sounds of Set 1 letters and practise forming them with fun 'air writing'. They'll also enjoy Fred Talk games and get familiar with the Picture Frieze for each letter. Alongside this, they'll start to recognise and write their own name, practising a good pencil grip and correct letter formation.

Children who are staying in nursery will continue with Phase 1 phonics, focusing on alliteration, rhyming, blending, and segmenting—all the fun foundations for reading and writing.

### Maths

This half term, we'll be having lots of fun exploring numbers, shapes, and patterns!

We'll be spotting patterns and learning how to recognise and correct mistakes—like little pattern detectives.

The children will explore different ways to represent numbers, helping them understand what numbers really mean.

We'll also be looking at 3D shapes, learning their names and spotting them all around us.

Plus, we'll practise adding two amounts together to find the total, building our confidence with early number skills.

### Understanding the World

This term, we'll be curious explorers, discovering more about the world around us!

We'll have fun in the water tray, testing out which objects float and sink.

We'll talk about our holiday experiences and start to understand that there are lots of different countries in the world.

We'll explore how countries can be very hot or very cold and learn about the different features of these places.

Back closer to home, we'll compare the seaside with Ossett, noticing things like beaches, sand, and the sea, and how they are different from the places we see every day.

We'll be exploring simple maps and directions through hands-on activities. We'll be using our Bee-Bot programmable toys to help us navigate around a pirate's treasure map — ooh arrr, indeed!



### Expressive Art and Design

This half term, we'll be letting our creativity run wild! We'll use different materials like sand, coral, shells, paper, and more to make pictures.

Outside, we'll have fun with large construction materials, building pirate ships and letting our imaginations set sail!

In the sandpit, we'll use wet sand, moulds, buckets, and spades to make fabulous sandcastles.

It's all about experimenting, creating, and having fun!