

On the beach

This half term the children will be learning about the plants and animals that live at the seaside. They will explore the importance of looking after the environment to keep living things safe. They will learn about staying safe at the beach and find out about people who help us. We will talk about holidays in the past and the importance of keeping safe in the Sun. We will explore beach days out and what they might like to do when visiting the beach. We would love to see some of your photographs of the children enjoying the beach. We will compare the seashore with the nursery environment and explore how it is similar or different. We will create rock pools using sand and pebbles for the children to explore, use puppets to tell stories and have lots of fun with water. We will think about travel and explore the idea of travel through the story of 'The snail and the whale'.

Key vocabulary:

Beach, shore, sea, water, waves cliff, pool, rocks, cave, sand, creatures, environment, habitat



You can encourage your child at home by talking about the beach. Here are some possible questions you might like to ask.

.Have you ever visited a beach?

Was the beach pebbly or sandy?

What did you do at the beach?

What activities can you do at the beach?

How is the beach different from where we live?

Areas of Learning	Early Learning Goals
Communication and Language	Listening, attention and understanding; Speaking
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Self-confidence and self-awareness; making relationships
Physical Development	Moving and handling
Literacy	Comprehension; Word Reading; Writing
Mathematics	Numbers; Numerical Patterns
Understanding the World	Past and Present; People, Culture and Communities; The Natural World
Expressive arts and design	Creating with Materials; Being imaginative and Expressive

Did you know?

 Read these interesting facts about the beach with a parent, carer or teacher.



The seashore is the land along the sea or ocean. A beach is an area of sandy, pebbly or rocky land that is usually by the sea.



Rock pools are shallow pools of seawater on the rocky part of the seashore. Some only appear at low tide. They are habitats for many animals, such as starfish and crabs.



Carnivores eat other animals. Herbivores eat plants. Omnivores eat plants and other animals.



The ocean is a body of salt water that covers over two thirds of the surface of the Earth. The largest ocean is the Pacific Ocean.



Fish use gills to breathe. They use their tails to swim and have fins to keep them upright.



Leaving litter on beaches can harm and even kill the animals that live in the sea or on the seashore.

Supporting your child at home

- Use [Google Earth](#) to explore the local locality and the wider world.
- Go on a walk around your local community and talk about the things that you see.
- Encourage your child to talk about the activities they enjoy doing at school.
- Look at and discuss the 'Did you know?' facts.

Staff:

The adults in Nursery are: Miss Turner (Nursery teacher), Miss Crawley (Nursery nurse), Mrs Surman and Miss Smith

