

WELCOME

HELLO!

Hi!

Welcome to the final term of Reception! We have lots of lovely things planned for this half term including an exciting school trip in June...keep a look out for further information about this soon.

Hello

PE for Penguins is on **Mondays** and **Tuesdays**

We visit the library throughout the week

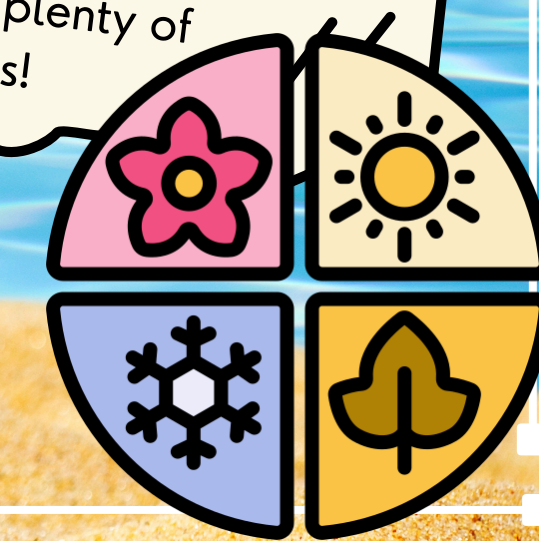
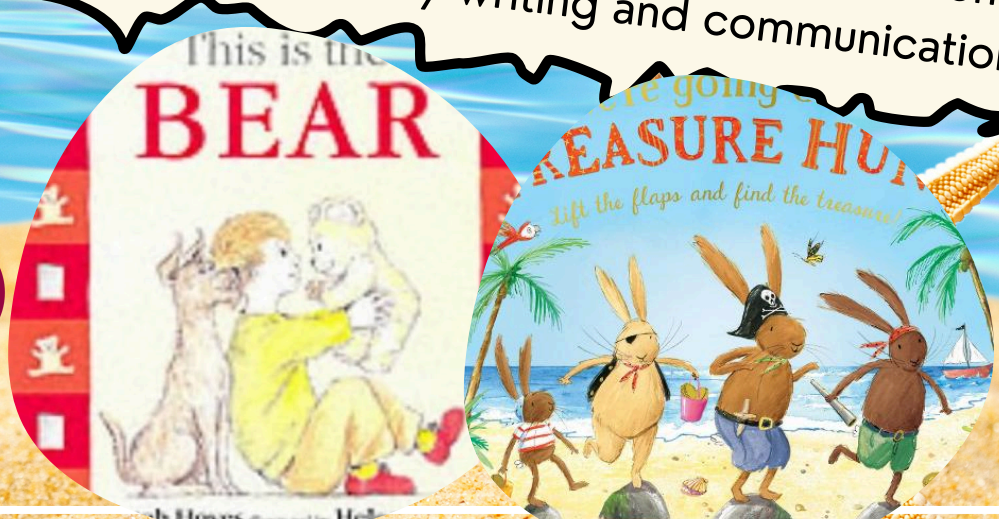
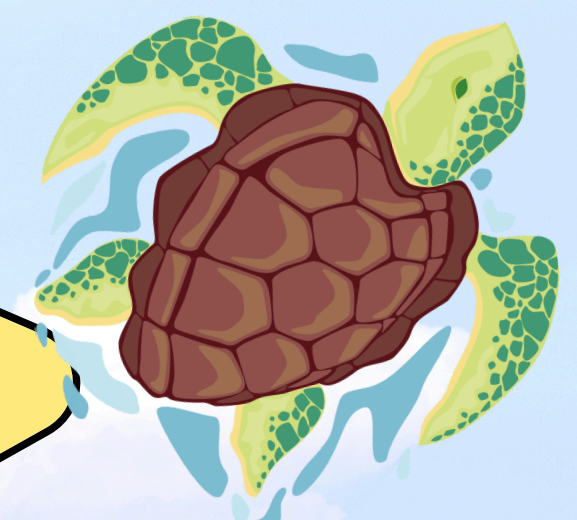
Topic themes

Spring 1 - **How will I find the sea?**
Spring 2 - **How have toys changed over time?**

Literacy

This term, we'll be diving into the wonders of spring—a season full of new life, colour, and change. The children will explore the signs of spring and begin writing their own captions and simple sentences inspired by what they see around them. Our adventures will then take us on an exciting journey with the story *We're Going on a Treasure Hunt*. This will spark our imaginations as we explore pirate ships, discover fascinating facts about real-life pirates, and take part in our own treasure-themed activities. As the term continues, we'll focus on the much-loved story *This is the Bear*. The children will learn to retell the story with growing confidence, building their storytelling skills and enjoying bringing the tale to life in their own words. It's set to be a fun-filled term packed with creativity, imagination, and plenty of opportunities to develop early writing and communication skills!

PENGUINS



Communication and Language

We will continue to develop our listening skills, encouraging the children to listen carefully during whole-class and small group discussions. They will be supported to respond thoughtfully to what they hear, including asking relevant questions to deepen their understanding.

A key focus will be on building confidence in communication. Adults will support the children in holding conversations with others, taking turns, and enjoying meaningful back-and-forth exchanges with their peers.

These skills are essential for both learning and social development, and we'll be nurturing them through lots of talk, interaction, and shared experiences throughout the day.

Physical Development

In our PE lessons and outdoor learning, the children will enjoy lots of energetic movement—running, jumping, hopping, and skipping—helping to build their strength, coordination, and confidence. Alongside this, we will continue developing fine motor skills by practising how to hold a pencil correctly to support writing. The children will also have regular opportunities to use tools such as scissors and cutlery, building control and independence.

Through a range of fun and active experiences, we'll be working hard to strengthen both our big muscles and small muscles—supporting children's overall physical development in a playful and purposeful way.

Expressive arts and design

We will bring learning to life by designing and making 3D seascapes inspired by our under-the-sea topic. Children will explore artistic techniques while creating sea creatures using different materials, colours and textures. These activities will develop creativity, imagination and key art skills, encouraging children to take pride in their work.

Numeracy

This term in Maths, we will build confidence with numbers to 10 by exploring number bonds and finding different pairs that make the same total.

Children will learn through fun track games, helping them understand number order and how numbers move forward and backwards. We will practise counting, recognising, and ordering numbers to 20 to support readiness for Year 1. Alongside this, children will explore shapes and space through practical activities, including building, arranging, and simple map-making. Our lessons will be hands-on, engaging, and rooted in play and real-life experiences.

20

$5 + 5 = 10$
 $6 = 3 + 3$
 $9 = 6 + 3$



Understanding the world

In the first half of the term, we'll be diving into the fascinating world under the sea! The children will explore seas and oceans on maps, and learn about the amazing animals and plants that live beneath the waves. We'll also set sail on a pirate adventure, discovering some famous pirates along the way—ahoy there, me hearties!

After half term, we'll turn our attention to the sunny season of summer. We'll explore the signs of summer and all the exciting experiences it brings, from warm sunshine and holidays to enjoying delicious picnics together.

Errol's
GARDEN

This lesson uses Errol's Garden to explore community, belonging and caring for shared spaces. Pupils will discuss how everyone is welcome, valued and included, and learn how working together can help create something special for the whole community.

ELMER

This lesson uses Elmer to explore individuality, acceptance and celebrating differences. Pupils will discuss how we are all unique, why it is important to be ourselves, and how everyone is welcome. We will learn to like ourselves just the way we are.

Personal, social & emotional development

We will continue to nurture positive relationships with friends and teachers, encouraging children to listen, share, and work together. This term, we will focus on building confidence by supporting them to try new activities, take risks, and develop independence. We will also promote resilience and perseverance, helping children keep going when learning feels challenging and feel proud of their achievements. Through this, we aim to support their social, emotional, and learning development, ensuring they are ready for Year 1.

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