

# Year F Spring Term 1 Overview 2024

What journeys do characters go on in our storybooks?



## Our Focus Texts:

Tiddler  
The Snail and the Whale  
Zog!



This half term we are going to be learning all about journeys. We would love to see any pictures of adventures you have been on (holidays, walks to the beach).

### Communication and Language

This half term, we will be immersing ourselves in the journeys that different characters go on in our favourite stories. Our key text will be 'The Snail and the Whale' and we will use future and past tenses to describe where the Whale goes and what he saw.

We will talk about our favourite characters in Julia Donaldson books and answer comprehension questions in full sentences to express our thoughts.

We will create our own adventure stories based on a wild walk we go on.

### Expressive Art and Design

We will paint under the sea pictures using watercolours and use recycled materials to create a collage. We will create tissue paper jellyfish and use glitter to make our creations shine! We will work collaboratively to create a class octopus.

### Physical Development

We will talk about our hearts and what happens during exercise. We will learn about keeping ourselves safe during travel and will carry out strength and balance activities. We will use scissors safely to create sea collages and will teach a mermaid how to hold a pencil.

### Understanding The World

We will identify and describe features of our environment and draw a map of the local area. We will learn about our oceans and how to care for them along with how to change water into a solid and back again. We will explore Chinese New Year and learn about what it is.

### Literacy

This term, we will continue to develop our confidence in Phase 2 sounds and will begin to learn phase 3 sounds using our Bug Club phonics. We will consolidate sounds we know using our Bug Club games and we will bring home books to help us.

We will join in with simple sentences from our books and act out parts of the story with others. We will use our phonic knowledge to write short phrases and label maps we create.

### Maths

We will learn about zero and will work on our comparing and composition of numbers to 5. We will develop our understanding of 6,7 and 8, make pairs and combine 2 groups. We will use language of more or less.

We will compare mass and capacity in our environment. We will use vocabulary such as today, yesterday and tomorrow to describe when events happen.

We will start to record what we find in our own way.

### PSED

This term we will continue to develop our understanding of our brains and how we react when we are angry or frustrated. We will recognise our emotions and those of others through behaviours and we will try to help our friends when they are feeling upset.

In our classroom, we will begin to have a 'Chat Mat'. A place to go to resolve conflict with others. We will think about the behaviours of characters in our stories and how the Whale supports the Snail. We will talk about how we support our friends and family.