



Dear Parents/Carers,

## Nursery Weekly Information – w/b 1.6.26

### This week

We're learning about pirates!

Do you have any pirate books at home you can share with your child?

Can you turn your living room into a pirate ship and 'walk the plank'?

Can you follow instructions or make a map to hunt for treasure?

### Dates for Diaries

#### Tuesday 16 June

Welcome meeting for September 2026 – new YR (Reception) Parents/Carers only at 9.30-11am in the school hall.

#### Wednesday 17 June

BigFoot Storytelling Workshop for children.

More details to follow.

### Jumpers/Cardigans

As the weather gets warmer, the children are often taking their jumpers on and off throughout the day.

Please encourage your child to practise doing this independently at home, including putting their jumper back on again. Building these small self-help skills really supports their confidence in school.

## Academic Year Transition/SEND Coffee Morning

We invite families of children who are nervous about the transition into the new academic year to join us for a supportive networking coffee morning.

### This week, we are:

- Taking on the role of a pirate and enjoying fun pirate adventures.
- Practising our cutting and joining skills to create pirate props, such as: hats, telescopes and eye patches.
- Reading a selection of pirate stories such as: Pirates Are Coming, The Pirates in Pyjamas and The Night Pirates.
- Designing our own pirate treasure maps, using rich vocabulary to describe the landmarks on the map.
- Using positional language such as: under, behind and next to.
- Using junk modelling materials to create pirate ships – we'll also then test whether they sink or float!
- Exploring the mighty sand pit on the top field and the pirate ship on the playground.

This half term, we will learn and perform a new poem called 'Summer is Coming'. Perhaps you could help your child to learn the poem at home:

*Summer summer  
Is almost here  
Time for fun and swimming gear*

*Trips to the beach  
Are always fun  
Along with football*



And games where we run

Summer summer  
Is almost here  
I can hardly wait  
Let's give a big cheer!

### Phonics

This term, the children will begin to explore the Ruth Miskin Read Write Inc. phonics programme, which supports the early development of reading, writing and speaking skills in Reception. At this early stage, we are focusing on listening carefully to sounds, recognising single letter sounds and developing the children's confidence in hearing sounds within words. The children will be introduced to the Set 1 sounds from the Read Write Inc. programme and will learn approximately 2 to 3 new sounds each week between now and the summer holidays. Sessions will include lots of speaking, listening, repetition, rhyme and oral blending activities to help children become familiar with the sounds in a fun and engaging way before moving on to reading words independently.

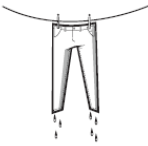
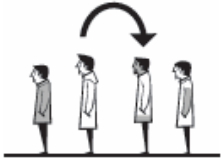
Swans will begin 'Read, Write, Inc' which is our whole school phonics scheme. At this stage it is a gentle introduction to each sound. We will start with the letters 'm' and 'a'.

	
<b>When recording this sound we say...</b>	
<b>m</b> - Maisie mountain mountain	<b>a</b> - around the apple and down the leaf

### Forest School

This week in Forest School, the children will become pirate explorers! They will go on exciting adventures outdoors, searching for hidden treasure, following maps and clues, and working together as a pirate crew. The children will use their imaginations to build pirate ships, explore nature, and develop their problem-solving, teamwork, and communication skills through fun pirate-themed Forest School activities.

### Word Aware

This week's concept words:	
<b>Cygnets</b> This week's concept word is: <b>wet</b>  At bath time, you could talk about wet and not wet. Talk about towels, hair and bodies being wet.	<b>Swans</b> This week's concept word is: <b>after</b>  At home you could discuss routines, e.g. what do you do after you have brushed your teeth?

Have a great week.

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Nursery Teachers and Leaders of Learning