

Reception Newsletter 6th May 2022

Dear parents/carers,

This week we have been:

- Focusing our learning on the story Hooray for Fish! Children have designed new types of fish and drawn beautiful fishy illustrations.
- In maths children have been learning to solve problems working with numbers to 20 particularly teen numbers.
- Children have been using ten frames to practise one more and one less with counters.
- Continuing our learning on pirates, treasure and ships. Children have very much enjoyed this mini topic!
- Children have been learning songs to do with the sea with Charlotte in music and getting good at repeating simple rhythms using the percussion and naming our instruments.
- We have been talking lots about Eid and how families celebrate. Children have been comparing Eid to other religious festivals and seeing how they are similar and how they vary.

Next week we will be:

- Starting to learn about Space—as part of the second half of our topic 'Under the sea and In the sky'. Children will be learning about the planets, astronauts, space travel and the moon. We will be reading texts such as Whatever Next!, Juniper Jupiter and Look Up! We will start with Look Up! By Nathan Bryon.
- Writing about what we want to be when we grow up, following on from the main character being an astronaut in the story Look Up!
- Learning to spot patterns in maths with a focus on double numbers. We will also be looking at dot formations on dice and practising our subitising skills (e.g. being able to look at the composition of the 6 on a dice and know it's a 6 without counting, just from quick memory recall and practise)
- Learning the song 'sun moon and stars' (which can be found on Youtube! Sun Moon and Stars by Singing Walrus)
- Revisiting and reviewing all sounds learnt especially the digraphs.
- Having live eggs visit us in the Early Years which will hopefully hatch into chicks with lots of love and care. How exciting!

You can help at home by:

- Talking about the life cycle of an egg/chick in preparation for the eggs arriving on Monday!
- Looking at a book or video about space, maybe a visit to the library to look at some books on our new mini topic together!
- Ladybirds—practising lines for the workshare assembly next Friday and getting children's pirate outfits ready! All children should have been sent home with their line in their bags yesterday—if they haven't please just ask and I will reprint :)

Have a lovely long weekend! We look forward to seeing you back at school on Tuesday 3rd May.

Sarah, Katie and the EY team