



# Hilderthorpe Nursery Newsletter

## Summer Term 2 2024



### This Half Term

#### This half term our topic is 'The Sea'.

In Communication and Language we are developing our understanding of asking and answering questions eg who, where, what and how? We are listening for rhyming words in our favourite stories and beginning to use rhyming words. We will be listening to stories with increasing recall and remembering key events.

In our Personal, Social and Emotional Development we are going to be thinking about continuing to settle in our new friends who joined us after Easter and learning the new routines. Our older children will be beginning to think about new routines as we prepare for transitions to school in September.

In Physical Development we are going to be continuing to develop our fine and gross motor skills, enjoying exploring the outdoor area and spending time in the large grassy area. We will be practising circus skills like The Singing Mermaid and walking the plank and scrubbing the decks like the pirates in our books!

Our texts this half term are: Someone Swallowed Stanley, The Odd Fish, The Singing Mermaid, Rainbow Fish, Tiddler, Captain Sparklebeard, Ten Little Pirates and Pirate Pete's Smelly Feet.

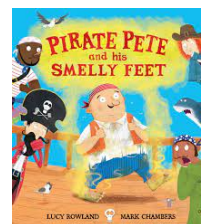
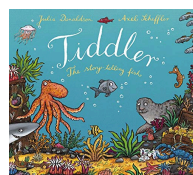
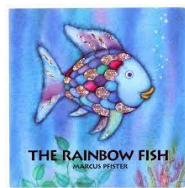
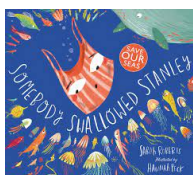
In Mathematics we are sorting and classifying sea creatures, counting and keeping score with our circus games, continuing to develop our number recognition and matching numerals to quantities e.g. matching the number 5 to a selection of 5 sea creatures. We will be thinking about the composition of numbers 3,4, and 5 and thinking of how we can make these numbers e.g. 2+1, 3+2.

In the area of Understanding the World we are thinking about keeping our oceans and beaches clean and how we can recycle. We will be making and flying kites on a windy day. We will be investigating floating and sinking and we will be talking about beach, water and sun safety ready for Summer.

In Expressive Arts and Design Nursery children will be decorating rainbow fish, making jellyfish, making kites, making and floating boats and learning songs linked to our stories and themes. We are continuing free choice junk modelling so donations of clean boxes and containers are always welcome.

We are continuing to learn to find our own names; we do this to find our coat pegs and our going home boxes. We are also making marks to represent our names. We are working hard to be independent with putting our coats on and zipping them up ourselves. Please encourage children to try this at home.

In preparation for school, we are encouraging children to work on some letters from their name. This is something that you could practise at home too.



## Don't Forget...

Please ensure that children's personal items are named; jumpers, cardigans, coats etc.

Children should be bringing a water bottle to the Nursery with them everyday so they can access drinks throughout the day. Please make sure their bottle is named so we can easily return it at the end of the day. We encourage water to be sent to school ideally or sugar-free juice.

**SUNCREAM-** As the weather hopefully improves, we advise that children attend Nursery wearing suncream. Once a day suncream is perfect for this as staff cannot administer suncream in Nursery. If children bring suncream to Nursery to apply themselves, this must be named and it will be kept in their box. Please send named sun hats too as we often spend longer periods outside, especially in the nicer weather. Thank you.

## Important Dates

- Meeting for parents of children starting Hilderthorpe School in September **TUESDAY 18TH JUNE 5.00PM** in the school hall.
- **Summer fair- Wednesday 10th July 3.30-5.00pm**
- **Friday 12th July-** Stay and play session in Reception for Hilderthorpe school starters. A letter will follow confirming if your child will be offered a morning or afternoon session on this day.
- **Friday 19th July-** School closes for summer holidays
- **Nursery Stay and Play- Monday 8th July**

On this day we are having a Pirate fun day in Nursery where children can dress up in a pirate theme. The morning will be spent in Nursery enjoying pirate crafts and activities and we would like to invite parents and carers to join us for some team games and activities in the afternoon between 2.15pm and 3.00pm.

Children who do not attend Nursery on a Monday are more than welcome to join us between 2.15pm and 3.00pm but parents and carers must remain with them please for ratios. Children will be able to go home from Nursery once our stay and play session has finished.

We will send more information nearer the time.

## Special Events/Activities/News

If you have any materials that we could use for junk modelling such as clean bottles, containers and boxes we would welcome all donations for our creative area.

We are using Twitter, please follow us on Twitter [@HilderthorpeSch](#) to share our activities and celebrate our achievements.

## Reminders

**Your child needs a spare set of clothing in school please. This is not just for toileting accidents; we have water trays and the children are really enjoying playing in these- often resulting in very soggy clothes!**

**Please send spare named clothes in your child's bag.**

**Thank you.**

