

WADDINGHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

Information for Parents for Reception 2026

Term: Autumn(1), Autumn(2), Spring(1), Spring(2), Summer(1), **Summer(2)**

Pirates Ahoy!

Subject	Children will learn about;
Literacy, Communication and Language.	We will be looking at a range of pirate books and under the sea themed stories. We will be looking at 'The Pirate Mums,' 'Tiddler' and 'Sharing a Shell'. We will develop our role play with new vocabulary and use this to write a message in a bottle. We will continue with our Read, Write, Inc sessions.
Mathematics	In maths we will be looking at patterns within numbers such as doubling, evens and odds and sharing equally. We will link our maths to the pirate theme to build bridges, give instructions to find the treasure and problem solve using the skills we already know.
Understanding of the World	We will be looking at seaside holidays past and present and talk about similarities and differences. When looking at the past and present we will also use our own pictures to show how we have changed. We will also be exploring pushing and pulling, magnets and what happens when we freeze liquids. We will look at life as a pirate and talk about sailing the oceans. We will explore creatures that live in the sea. In RE we will continue to explore the question: Why are some places and objects special or sacred? The children will be learning about: What makes something special. Also what makes objects, clothes and places special.
Expressive arts and designs.	When looking at seaside holidays we will look at the work of Hannah Cole to create beach hut pictures using water colours. We will also make artwork for our under the sea area with the children using their imagination to create wonderful pictures or objects. We will be listening to and singing a sea shanty called "What shall we do with the grumpy sailor?"
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	In our Jigsaw sessions we will be talking about "Changing me" and what this means to us and how we have grown. We will look at 'stealing' and the right thing to do. We will also talk about sun safety and water safety through our topic work. We will be talking about our Transition to Year 1 and taking part in activities to support this.
Physical Development	We will use our fine motor skills to create under the sea artwork and be hunting for treasure using tweezers and magnets to help the pirates! Ahoy, matey! Using our gross motor skills we will walk the plank, don't get caught! We will continue our athletics skills and throwing skills in PE sessions and take part in team games. We will have Coach Tim on a Tuesday and Mrs Wood on a Wednesday.

