

## Core signs for our topic this term.



Our topic this term is 'Under the Sea', here are some related signs for you to practice.

Sea



Wet

As if squeezing a sponge



Fish



Shark



Thumb moves up/down to touch palm

Deep



Don't forget to say the words as you sign!



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Oak Class  
Key stage 2  
Information  
for parents  
Term 4  
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### Regular events:



PE Enrichment will be every Tuesday afternoon and will be Creative Movement.

Swimming will take place every Friday Morning. Please make sure pupils bring in their swim kits for this day and label everything.

## 'Under the Sea'

### General Information:

Welcome back! We hope you enjoyed the half term break. We are looking forward to completing lots of activities linked to our new topic 'Under the Sea'.

### Homework and contact:

Please share books with your child every day. Please support our use of PECs by practicing at home as often as possible. The Home/School Journals are in place for us both to write in so we can keep each other up to date about your children.

If you have any questions please contact the school office or speak to one of the team when dropping off or picking up.

### Ideas for home:

- Visit a pet shop to look at the different fish and talk about colours and shapes using PECS books, talkers or other AAC.
- Lots of water play exploring containers of different sizes and floating and sinking.
- Share books about fish that you might have at home or visit a library.
- Visit the local swimming pool and swim like fish.

<p><b>Foundations for Literacy</b></p> <p>During our Literacy focus sessions we will listen to lots of appropriate stories about Under the Sea, including 'Hooray for Fish' and 'Shark in the Dark'. We will explore lots of mark making in many different forms and use visuals to help us communicate and answer simple questions about the texts we have been exposed to.</p>	<p><b>Foundations for Maths:</b></p> <p>During our Maths focus sessions we will be exploring maths concepts including number, identifying one more/one less and developing our concept of time. We will do this through a range of themed activities and continuous provision. Children will be able to count teddies, use numicon in different ways to count and add through exploration develop their skills.</p>	<p><b>Understanding the world</b></p> <p>This Term we will be exploring Under the Sea. We will identify simple properties of sea creatures and explore mixing things in water such as food colouring to get different colours. We will also be investigating floating and sinking and thinking about different objects that will float and sink in the water.</p>	<p><b>Fine Motor Skills</b></p> <p>Oak Class will have lots of opportunities this term to develop our fine motor skills and will develop hand eye coordination to catch sea creatures using nets in water.</p> <p>We will work on our individual fine motor targets set by the OT</p>
<p><b>Art/Design</b></p> <p>We will be exploring Art by using different materials to collage different sea creatures. We will be thinking about using our senses to explore different textures. We will also request different colours and materials using a total communication approach.</p>	<p><b>Fun With Foods</b></p> <p>Foods can cause anxieties for pupil with ASD. Oak Class will be following the 'Fun with Food' programme to help develop your child's tolerance of different smells and textures.</p> <p>This term we will be continuing to work on moist and slimy foods trying to introduce some fruits and vegetables.</p>	<p><b>Therapies</b></p> <p>Oak Class will be accessing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cleverfingers</li> <li>• Fun with food</li> <li>• Gong Therapy</li> <li>• Therapeutic Music</li> <li>• Brushing</li> <li>• Compressions</li> <li>• Sensory Circuits</li> <li>• SLIC support</li> <li>• OT support</li> </ul> <p>As required Following observations and Assessments by our therapists</p>	<p><b>PSHE (Personal, social and health education) and RSE</b></p> <p>This term Oak Class will be learning about taking turns with our friends with the help of adults through modelling. We will play a range of games together in pairs and small groups and begin to understand the concept of waiting, being a considerate winner and that it is okay to lose.</p>
<p><b>Physical Education:</b></p> <p>PE will be on Thursday mornings this term.</p> <p>Swimming will be on Fridays and our focus will be water confidence, developing independence in the pool, floating safely on our backs like a starfish and putting our faces in the water.</p>	<p><b>Communication/Language</b></p> <p>Personalised Speech and Language targets will be created to enable early communication. These include initiation, nursery rhymes, Curiosity Programme, Attention Autism, EHCP targets, 1-1 interventions, and Intensive Interaction.</p>	<p><b>PE Enrichment</b></p> <p>Pupils will have PE Enrichment on Tuesday afternoons and this term it will be Trampolining.</p> 	<p><b>Music</b></p> <p>Oak Class will explore music through songs and rhymes about the sea and creatures found in the sea. Children will also explore rhythms and a range of sounds during gong sessions and music lessons.</p> <p>We will begin to respond to different music with a water theme such as Under the Sea from the Little Mermaid.</p>