



LACEY GREEN PRIMARY ACADEMY

Reception Summer 2 2026

Learning Overview: The Ocean

Curriculum Guide for Parents and Guardians

Understanding the world

We will learn about:

- Life in ocean habitats
- All about Pirates
- The seaside
- Map work
- Signs of summer
- Similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries
- The weather and how it affects the world around us
- Recycling and how to look after the world around us



Key Vocab –

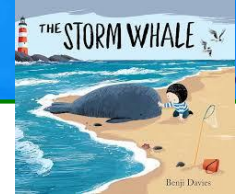
- Ocean/land
- Pirate
- Shipwreck
- Shore & seashore
- Loot
- Fisherman
- Enemy
- Float/Sink
- Litter
- Pollution
- Environment
- Fish/Mammals/Amphibians/Reptiles
- Later/earlier



Literacy

We will:

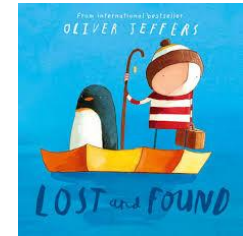
- Read and use the book *The Storm Whale* by Benji Davies to expand our vocabulary and write simple sentences
- Label maps, sea creatures and ocean habitats
- Write a range of short sentences with words with known sound-letter correspondences
- Use non-fiction books to find about information about the world around us and the past
- Enjoy a range of stories, poems and books



Phonics

We will learn:

- Set 1 & 2 Special friends
- Red words
- CVC & longer words



Physical Development: Athletics and Dance

We will learn:

- How to create and sequence dance moves
- How to move in time with music
- Relay running
- How to use the sacks for a sack race
- How to work in teams and take turns



We will do this through..

- Our outdoor provision – to prepare for Sports Day, we will be practicing the events in small groups
- PE lessons on the field to practice for Sports Day
- Set lessons in the hall each week
- Fine motor skills are developed through a range of activities in the classroom.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will learn:

- To create art work and structures based around pirates, ships, the ocean and maps
- To explore different materials freely, to develop ideas about how to use them and what to make
- How to use powder paints and marbling inks



Design and Technology Week

We will be focusing on the big idea:

Constructing and modelling boats

We will be:

- Planning and designing boats
- Exploring materials for an intended purpose
- Building our own boats based on our design and research
- Learning how to make boats using recycled materials
- Exploring different types of boats and the materials they are made out of and why.

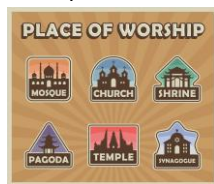


Religious Education

We will be learning about: Special Places

Looking closely at:

- Christianity, Islam and Judaism
- That places can be special to different people
- Different buildings for worship



Personal Development

We will be learning about:

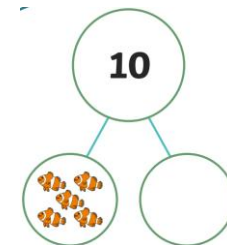
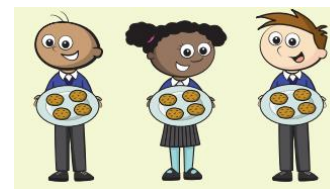
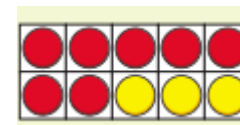
- Cultures from around the world
- Looking ahead moving into year 1
- Looking back at our year in Reception
- Responsibility/Rules
- School 3 R's
- British Values
- Celebrating Differences



Mathematics

We will be learning about:

- Sharing and doubling facts
- Even and odd numbers
- How to create and explore pattern rules
- A deep understanding of patterns and shapes
- Consolidating knowledge of numbers to 20 including addition, subtraction and subitising
- How to explain our answers using mathematical language
- Number formation
- Addition to 10



Music

We will be exploring the big idea of:

Beat and texture

We will be :

- Performing actions whilst singing
- Exploring the music through movement
- Feeling the pulse and trying and copying rhythms
- Exploring other sounds and textures of the sea



We will do this through..

- Quality first teaching
- Practical adult led focus group work
- Questioning
- Exploration of different maths resources
- Written work

