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This half term, the children will be learning about Pentecost, the time when the Holy Spirit came to the disciples. They will be considering times when they have felt afraid to do things and then times when they felt brave. We will be recalling stories from the Bible and learning about what the disciples did next. They will consider what it is like to be a disciple.

Communication and Language

We will be reading stories about pirates and inventing our own adventures. Children will be encouraged to make treasure maps and to write messages. Linking with our work in history they will find out about Grace Darling and how she helped to save the lives of some shipwrecked people. We will be using books and stories linked with the topic such as The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch. The children will learn new vocabulary and the patterns of these stories.

You can help by: Sharing books related to the topic at home, encouraging your child to read nightly for pleasure and to learn their spellings.

Numbers, Shape, Space and Measure

The children will learn –

FS- To consolidate number up to 10 and begin to work with numbers from 10-20 and beyond. To recognise and talk about the properties of 2D shapes.

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To work with numbers from 100 and beyond. They will be using all 4 operations to calculate problems with the older children learning how to choose the right calculation at the right time. The children will learn to talk about 2D shapes in greater depth and learn the vocabulary associated with this. We will be learning how to plot co-ordinates on to a graph.

Understanding the World / Science

We will be continuing to explore habitats with a particular focus on the seashore. We will explore why different animals have different habitats.

We will learn about food chains, the interdependence of all living things and ultimately the importance of caring for our world.

You can help by: Enjoying the natural world and identifying different habitats.

PSHE

'Daring to be Different'

Linking well to our topic, we will consider what animals need and how we care for living things. This will lead on to thinking about the differences between boys and girls and how we care for each other. We will consider the things we need to do to stay healthy and fit.

We will be looking at the differences between babies and children and how they have changed since they were babies.

You can help by: Helping your child to choose a baby photo that they can bring into school to share with the class.

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Second topic

Beside The Seaside



ICT

We will be using the internet to find out about Grace Darling and seaside holidays in the past. The children will present some information on the computer.

You can help by: Finding out about Grace Darling at home.

PE / Physical Development

During this term we continue to develop our skills of throwing and catching. We learn to play small sided games such as rounders and begin to prepare for Sports Day.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will be basing our artwork on the sea and waves. The children will paint stormy seas and will mix appropriate colours. They will create a piece of artwork to represent 'a splash'. They will develop their drawing and observational skills.

You can help by: Drawing and painting together at home.

History / Geography

We will learn about the life of Grace Darling and recognise how she helped others. We will look at Seaside holidays in the past, using a range of historical sources. We will look at coastlines on maps.

You can help by: Talking to older relatives about their memories of going to the seaside.

Music – Expressive Arts

The children will learn topic related songs about the seaside and about pirates. They will also be learning the music for our end of term summer musical 'Tushi Pamoja' which we are looking forward to sharing with you.