



## Activities at home for Hedgehogs and Lambs

Our topic for the month of June is: Pirates and under the sea

### **The areas we will be covering are:**

- Role play - Pirate ship
- Under the sea and pirate role play/small world play - acting out familiar stories.
- Treasure hunts - using maps, telescopes and eye patches that have been made.
- Arts and crafts - treasure maps, treasure, treasure chests, making sea creatures.
- Water play with sea creatures using different colours and textures in the water.
- Messy play with pirates and under the sea creatures.
- Playing with boats and ships - investigating floating and sinking.
- Looking at different sea creatures in information books.
- Looking at the globe and finding out about oceans around the world.
- Maths water play - empty, full, half full; measuring volume and capacity with different sized containers/bottles.
- Play with sea life sounds - what sounds would we hear at the seaside and under the sea?
- Listening to the 'Under the sea' cd, dancing and playing with musical instruments.
- Making big waves and small waves using the parachute.
- Counting fish and sorting them by colour and pattern.
- Looking at similarities and differences of animals that live in the sea.
- Under the sea themed science table - sea creature/fish facts.

### **Books, rhymes and songs:**

- There's a Hole at the Bottom of the Sea; Portside Pirates; The Little Mermaid (story cd's)
- Commotion in the Ocean (story sack available to borrow from office)
- The Singing Mermaid (rhyming book)
- 1,2,3,4,5, once I caught a fish alive (song)
- How Deep is the Sea (book)
- Ocean Creatures (book)
- Pirates Love Underpants (book)
- Plunge into the Pirate Pool (book)
- I saw three ships (song)
- The Snail and the Whale (book)
- Gilbert in the Deep (book)

### **Ideas how to explore this topic at home or when you are out and about:**

- Water play in the garden.
- Go to the beach and collect shells, look in rock pools.
- Look at fishes in garden centres/pet shops and ponds.
- Make fish out of shiny materials/paper and cd's. Share for show and tell.
- Add different sizes of bottles, pots and bowls to the bath to explore volume and capacity.
- Finding different objects that float and sink in the bath or paddling pool.
- Draw pictures of your favourite sea creatures to bring in to show and tell.
- Visit the Sealife Centre.
- Drawing treasure maps, making telescopes and treasure hunts round the house and garden.
- Reading pirate and adventure stories and under the sea stories.