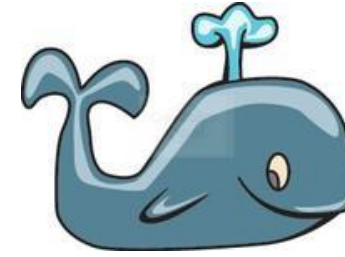


# Commotion in the Ocean!



## EYFS Summer 2

We hope you have all had a wonderful holiday and are ready and refreshed for the final half term of this year! Summer 2 is a very busy half term in Early Years filled full of exciting events such as trips and Sports Week.

Throughout this half term Nursery will begin their visits to their new setting, which will mean visiting our own Reception teachers for some children. Reception children will have an opportunity to visit their new Year 1 teachers too.

Throughout the half term children will each create a piece of art work which will be available to buy at our Art Exhibition. The first week back we will be celebrating the start of the Euro Football competition; each year group has been given a country to support and also explore. Early Years have been given France! We will end the first week with a celebration of the Queen's birthday and the children will come to school on Friday wearing red, white and blue.

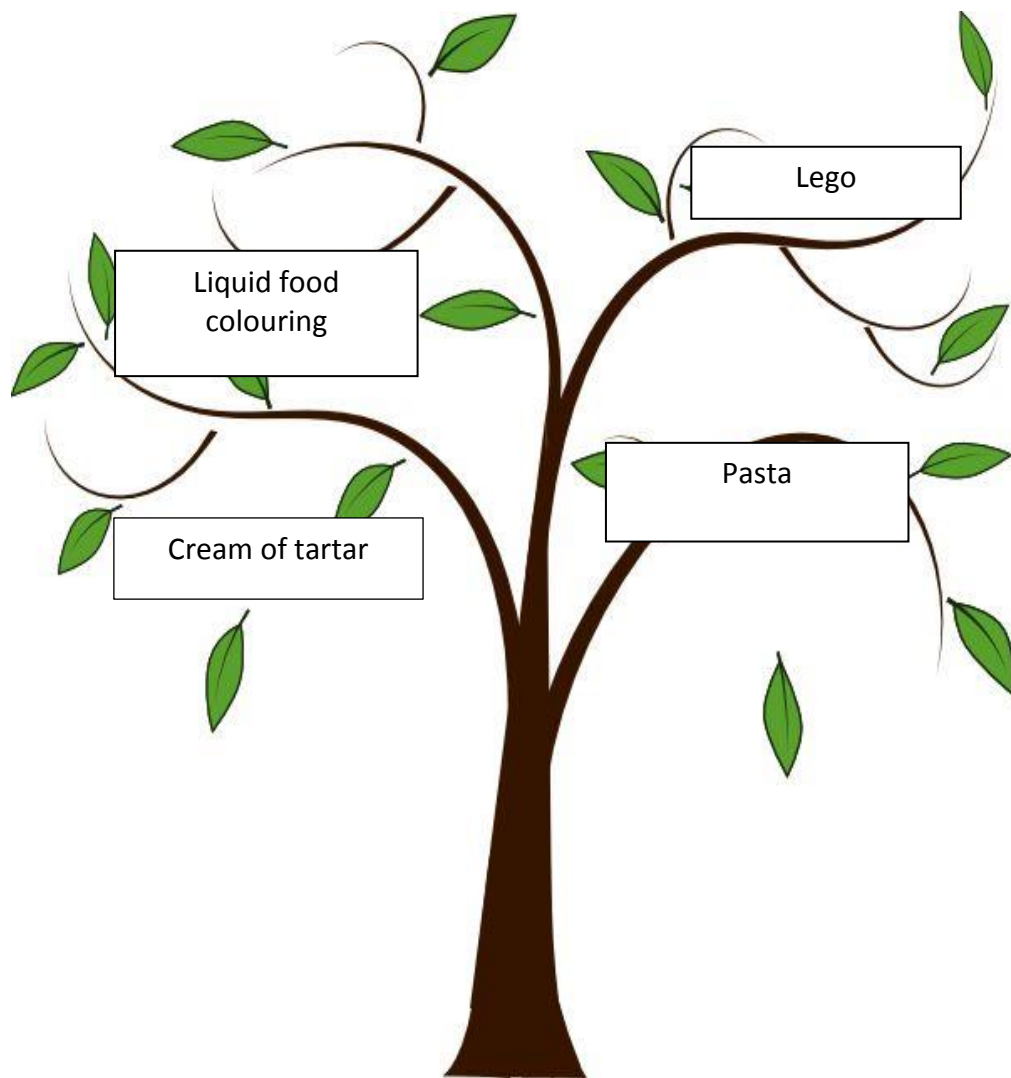
All of Early Years will be taking part in Sports Week and Reception will join the rest of the school in a well-deserved trip to Cullercoats at the end of half term. It is going to be a busy few weeks!

Our topic this half term is 'Commotion in the Ocean'. We will be learning about life under the sea, how to travel in and on water and explore the local sea side. Our topic will be enhanced by a very exciting trip to St. Mary's Lighthouse where the children will be able to explore the rock pools and learn about the life of a lighthouse keeper.

We will share a range of stories such as 'Commotion in the Ocean' and 'Barry the Fish with Fingers' as well as using and creating non-fiction books.



## Early Years Wish Tree



## Dates for your diary:

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June: Euro week begins

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June: EY class photo

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June: Year 1 transition evening: 6pm- 7pm

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June: Queen's birthday- dress in red, white and blue

Mon 13<sup>th</sup> June: Class 2 parent lunch

Wed 15<sup>th</sup> June: Early Years new starter evening 6pm- 7pm

Fri 17<sup>th</sup> June: Class 1 parent lunch

Tues 21<sup>st</sup> June: Nursery 1 & Class 1- Lighthouse trip

Fri 24<sup>th</sup> June: Nursery 2 & Class 2- Lighthouse trip

Wed 29<sup>th</sup> June: Informal parents evening and art exhibition

11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> July: Sports week

Wed 20<sup>th</sup> July: Rainbow bake sale

Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> July: Cullercoats (Rec to Y4)

Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> July: End of term

### Understanding the World

Our role play corner this half term will be a light house, allowing the children the chance to become lighthouse keepers and act out life at the seaside. This topic will also give the children the opportunity to explore life under the sea, compare a range of animals and creatures and research information using the computers.

All children will continue to have access to the iPads within Early Years. Reception children will continue weekly visits to the ICT suite to improve their mouse control and computer skills. We will be continuing our weekly Spanish lessons. Children will also explore France and its cultures and traditions during Euro Week. The children will be taught a song in French, some basic vocabulary and will have opportunity to taste French food.

During Euro Week we will also be celebrating the Queen's birthday and we will look at some of the traditions of the Royal Family, write letters to the Queen and investigate Buckingham Palace.



### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This half term we will be focussing on supporting the children as they think about next year. We will include lots of circle times to talk about the children's excitement and any worries they may have.

During our topic we will use the story 'The Rainbow Fish' to talk about being a good friend, sharing and being kind.

Reception children will continue to follow the 'Good to be Green' behaviour scheme where positive behaviour is rewarded through team points. Well done to Team Stephenson who gained the most team points last half term!



### Expressive Arts and Design

This half term each child will create their very own piece of art work relating to a famous artist who originates from the country they are exploring for Euro Week. In Early Years the children's art will focus on the works of Matisse and Seurat. The children will learn some techniques used with pointilism and abstract art.

Blue Zone (the creative area) continues to be extremely popular within the unit and children will continue to have opportunities to create their own pictures, paintings and models. Our focus will be showing the children a range of techniques to join different materials together such as using sticky tape or treasury tags.

### Physical Development

All children will continue with weekly PE sessions on a Wednesday and these will be led by their class teacher. We are expecting most Reception children to be attempting to get changed independently and we ask that **all items of clothing are labelled**. This half term, we will be working on the apparatus, looking at moving across it in a range of ways and jumping from it safely.

We are continuing to have handwriting sessions twice a week in Reception in which we will continue to recap the correct formation of each letter as well as introducing the correct formation of numbers. Nursery will continue with dough disco and will explore making marks and forming some letters of their names in a range of media such as foam. All children will take part in Sports Week.

### Literacy

This topic will allow the children a great opportunity to explore non-fiction texts and create their own fact books and posters about weird and wonderful sea creatures. We will also read some lovely sea related stories such as 'Snail and the Whale' and 'Barry the Fish with Fingers' which will lead to lovely activities such as making our own fish finger sandwiches, yum! We continue to ensure there are opportunities for children to mark make and write in each zone using a range of materials. Reception will be encouraged to complete their writing challenge each week. Some Reception children will continue guided reading in small groups whilst others will continue to be heard 1-1 by their key worker. Please write in your child's reading record if they have read with an adult at home so we know to change their books. Thank you for the continued hard work you do at home we really do appreciate it.



### Mathematics

Both Reception and Nursery will continue daily number activities and carpet sessions. Reception will focus on addition and subtraction using objects, numberlines and by counting on. Some children will begin to look at sharing problems too. Nursery will continue to focus on number recognition, 1-1 counting and understanding that numbers can represent how many objects are in a set. For shape space and measure Nursery will focus on naming 2D shapes this half term and finding them within the unit. Reception will continue to select 3D shapes and use mathematical terms to describe them. Mathematical games and opportunities will be available all the time for children to access during their play such as bingo and Reception children will be encouraged to complete their weekly maths challenge.



