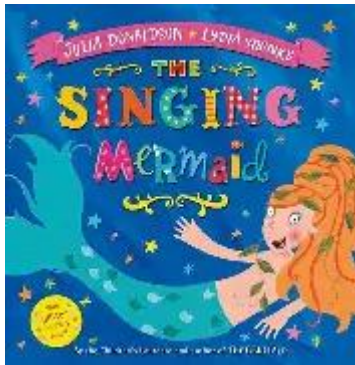




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Our topic this week is **Summer – Pirates and Mermaids**

This week we have read:

- Never Mess with a Pirate Princess
- My Granny is a Pirate
- Pirates Love Underpants
- Ten Little Pirates
- We're Going on a Treasure Hunt
- The Singing Mermaid

The Activities/provision this week:

- **Mermaid potions** – The children made 'mermaid potions' using pink water, glitter, mermaids, shells, cups, jugs, herbs etc.
- **Mermaid craft** – The children decorated mermaid pictures using crayons, pens and glitter.
- **Mermaid tale craft** – The children painted mermaid tales using water colours and glitter.
- **Mermaid sensory tray** – The children played with mermaids, pink rice, spoons, shells and funnels.
- **Fine motor coin tray** – The children picked out gold 'pirate' coins from the sand using tweezers
- **Pirate small world play** – The children played with a toy pirate ship and pirate figures
- **Pirate island role play** – The children played with a wooden boat, a tray of sand with coins and a water tray with sea animals
- **Pirate subitising to 5** – The children subitised the number of coins that the pirate had in their treasure chest.
- **Pirate songs** – We learnt a new song called 'Over the Deep Blue Sea' - [Over The Deep Blue Sea](#)

- **Pirate Day** - The children enjoyed dressing up as pirates this week and taking part in pirate day with Codden class on Friday

Phonics: Oral blending and segmenting

This term our phonics focus is oral blending and segmenting. Before children learn to read and write, they need to hear how words are made up of sounds.

Oral Blending - Putting sounds together to make a word - Example: "c - a - t" → cat

Oral Segmenting - Breaking a word apart into its sounds- Example: dog → "d - o - g"

Examples of ways to support oral blending and segmenting -

- Say each sound slowly and ask them to guess the word:
"Can you find your **c-aa-t**?"
- Use during routines: "Let's brush your **t-ee-th**!"

Nursery rhymes:

This term we will be learning the nursery rhymes:

- Row, Row, Row your Boat
- Five little men in a flying saucer
- 1,2,3,4,5 once I caught a fish alive
- Incy Wincy Spider
- Humpty Dumpty
- Ten fat sausages
- Five little speckled frogs
- 10 green bottles
- Miss Polly had a dolly
- Ten in the bed

Maths: Recapping numbers 1-5 with Numberblocks

The children have been:

- Subitising small groups of objects e.g. counting four pirate gold coins
- Recognising numerals 1-5
- Counting out 1-5 objects on a five's frame

The topic next week will be: **Summer – Pirates and Mermaids**

Important information

- Please can the children bring in any **books about pirates and mermaids**
- Please send in WOW moments for your children to share at circle time - pre-school@bishopstawton-primary.org
- Please see link for information about preparing for starting school - [Preparing for school - Best Start in Life](#)
- Last day of term - **Wednesday 22nd July**. We return on **Thursday 3rd September**