

# Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Primary School

## Reception Optional Homework - Summer 1

### Understanding the World

During our Summer 1 term our new topic will be 'water'. To help us introduce this topic, can you be a water detective and find 1 interesting fact about water that you can share with the class? This could be about oceans, melting and freezing or even a science experiment; the choice is yours! Be creative with how you would like to present and share your fact. You might choose to write your fact and draw a picture, you might build a model to explain your fact or make a video.

We can't wait to share them!



### Gross Motor Skills

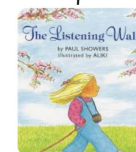
This half term, one of the skills that we will be focusing on is our underarm throwing. You can practise this using bean bags or scrunched up balls of paper. Remember, keep your body open, facing the target. Your throwing arm swings gently below your body and your other arm points at the target for accuracy. When you're ready, step into your throw for more power! You can build on this by moving the target further away as you feel more confident.

Good luck!



### Communication and Language

In Reception, we have been developing our listening skills - these are really important for when we are following instructions and growing our brains! Your challenge is to go on a 'listening walk' and write a list of the things you hear. You might do your listening walk around the house, in the garden or outside with grown ups. Here is one of our favourite stories to inspire you...



(Click on the picture to follow the link to the story on you tube).



### Expressive Arts and Design

This half term in music, we are going to be exploring 'celebration music'. We will learn about the music from a range of cultural and religious celebrations, including Diwali and Hanukkah. As we listen to the music, we will think about the traditional dances and also the instruments that are used. These might be similar or different to instruments that we have seen and used before. Can you

use recycled materials at home to make your own instrument. You might be inspired by one of the examples that you see here.



### Fine Motor Skills

We're always looking for ways to keep strengthening the muscles in our hand and playdough is a great way to do that! We will be reading the Rainbow Fish as one of our stories this half term so why not make your own playdough Rainbow Fish. Think about what other materials you could

use for the shiny scales and if you can build on this by making an underwater scene!

Have fun!



### Personal Social and Emotional Development

This is one of the prime areas of our curriculum in Reception in which we are learning to share and take turns. Playing games is a great way to develop these skills. Can you choose your favourite game and have 'family game time'? Some of the games that we enjoy in Reception are: snap, dominoes, snakes and ladders and jigsaw puzzles. Maybe you have one of these at home or maybe you have another favourite that you could play at home then teach your friends in school.

Which one will you choose?



### Understanding the World

As part of our water topic we will be exploring the weather. To help you recognise the different types of weather can you make a weather diary? You might choose to do this for a few weeks so you can compare your data. Draw the correct weather symbol next to the corresponding day.

Hopefully it's not all rain clouds!

(This will help us remember the days of the week too!)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday

### Expressive Arts and Design

Let's build on our art and fine motor skills with some shadow drawing. You could choose your favourite animal or toy and draw around it's shadow. You could use paper and pencil or even chalk. Remember to think about how you hold your pencil, take your time to trace the line accurately.

Enjoy!



### Gross Motor Skills

Alongside our other fundamental skills, in PE this half term we will be practising our skipping. So I have a skipping challenge for you! Can you create a path for you to skip along; this might be a straight line using masking tape or drawn on the floor outside in chalk. As you gain confidence be creative with your path, it might weave in and out of some cones or go round in a circle. Skipping can be tricky so take your time, but most importantly...have fun!!

