

Dear Parents,

This week we have begun learning the story of The Little Mermaid. The children are learning actions to support their retelling and this helps to embed the story in their mind. Once the story is secure we will start to change elements of it in their own writing. In this way they can draw on the structure and vocabulary they are familiar with and build on this to make their own changes. See if your child can tell you the first part of the story: "Once upon a time, there was a little mermaid called Ariel. Ariel and Flounder liked swimming and finding human treasure." We have learnt more, but this should get them started!

At the same time we have been learning about nouns, "the name of a person, place or thing". Next week we will continue learning The Little Mermaid and we will begin to identify and write noun phrases using adjectives.

In maths we have been continuing place value and consolidating our understanding of tens and ones. We have used $<$ $>$ and $=$ signs to compare numbers. We have begun to add two 2 digit numbers by looking at the tens and ones to help with this.

This week's topic has been about Grace Darling. She was a very brave young lady who lived 180 years ago. With her father she helped to rescue 9 shipwrecked people from rocks after their ship had capsized. Ask your child what sort of house Grace lived in (lighthouse).

Homework is coming home this week. It will support the maths we have done in class. Please return it by Wednesday so I can mark it on Thursday. Please write comments on the homework to tell me how they got on, I find it really helpful to know how much support they needed (if any).

Have a lovely weekend,

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