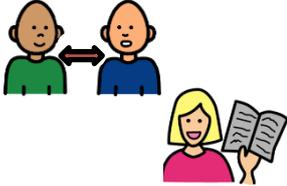
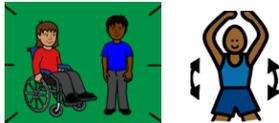




Squirrels	Step 2	Spring 1 2021
 <p>Pirates</p>		
<p>Communication, Language and Literacy</p> 	<p>Your child will be working on:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • developing their communication skills in all sessions • working on their IEP targets <p>Reading - Our sensory story this half term is "Pirates Love Underpants". We will also engage in a variety of pirate themed activities to enhance our understanding of the book including dressing up, matching activities, walking the plank and pinning the eye patch to the pirate.</p> <p>Funky Fingers - We will be engaging in a variety of fine motor activities (picking up gems with tweezers, using a pirate hook to pick up pretzels and posting swords into the pop-up pirate) and mark making activities ('writing' messages in bottles and mark making in sand).</p>	
<p>Personal, Social and Emotional Eevelopment and RE</p> 	<p>Your child will be working on their PSED skills including their IEP targets throughout the day. We will continue our work on greeting our peers during Circle Time.</p> <p>PSED - Lisa will be leading a multi-sensory session about 'People in the Community', including exploring sounds and objects related to different people, dressing up and engaging in related books.</p>	
<p>Physical Development</p> 	<p>PE – Our focus is dance this half term so we will be moving up, down and side to side to simulate waves, as well as wafting blue material and pom-poms whilst dancing to pirate-themed songs.</p> <p>We will also continue with our warm water swimming sessions this half to term to compliment the work we are doing around floating and sinking in Science.</p>	
<p>Cognition/Mathematics</p> 	<p>Cognition – We will have lots of fun exploring the 'rolling, rotation and balance' schema, through spinning pirate bottles and walking around the edge of the ball pool, trying not to fall in and get eaten by the crocodiles!</p> <p>Maths – We are learning about time this half term, so we will be completing a range of pirate-themed activities at different speeds e.g. scrubbing the deck and walking the plank. We will also be exploring simple clocks and making our own sand timers.</p>	
<p>Understanding of the World</p> 	<p>Science - Our topic is 'Floating and Sinking' so we will be testing everyday items to see if they sink or float, as well investigating how many gold coins it takes to sink the boats we make in Art.</p> <p>Geography - We will follow a photo map to complete a sensory circuit in the hall and collect the hidden treasure along the way, as well as creating our own treasure maps in the classroom.</p> <p>ICT – We will be exploring programming this half term through pressing Cosmo switches in a sequence and directing a Beebot to move across a treasure map.</p>	
<p>Expressive Arts and Design</p> 	<p>Art - We will create a range of models relating to pirates, including making treasure chests from egg boxes, telescopes using kitchen roll tubes and parrots using Styrofoam balls and feathers.</p> <p>Music – We will be exploring tempo through choosing our favourite pirate songs and requesting them to be played loud or quiet. We will also learn about pitch through ringing different bells on the pirate ship and using a crocodile xylophone.</p>	