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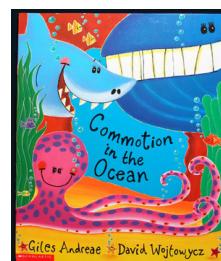
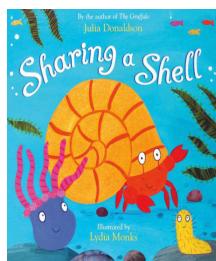
Messages

- The weather is starting to warm up and we do not want anyone getting burnt in the sun. Please ensure you put sun cream on your child before school and send them with a cap.
- **Indoor shoes** – Over the next term we would like to phase in all children having separate indoor shoes for school. We kindly ask that all parents provide their children with a change of shoes for indoor play, these can be kept in their cubbies and put on once at school. Children will then change into their outdoor shoes for outdoor play. Providing your children with a pair of comfortable slip-on (with back) indoor shoes helps to keep our Cubs area cleaner whilst ensuring your child's comfort and safety.
- Please remember that all shoes, indoor and outdoor must be appropriate. We have had a few incidents this week with children wearing flip flops and being unable to use the outdoor equipment.
- **Wednesday 21 May we will be visiting the Aquarium, you will soon receive a letter with details.**



Learning Theme of the week – Under the Sea.

To follow on from our 'Rainbow Fish' theme last week, we will be extending the children's knowledge and vocabulary of 'Under the Sea'. We will continue to use fictional stories to learn more about a variety of animals that live in the sea



Mathematics

This week the emphasis will be on recognising numbers, and identifying which set has 'more' and which has 'fewer'? We will introduce the idea of estimating how many objects are in a group, which can be really tricky but lots of fun guessing!

Vocabulary: Count, numbers, how many, more and fewer, altogether.

Personal Social and Emotional Development

The Nursery Playground is really taking shape as plants, logs and pebbles have arrived to make different learning areas. We will have a big focus on thinking about how we need to look after this equipment and how we need to share the resources.

Vocabulary: Help, kind, share, friendly, feelings, happy.

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Expressive Art

We will be continuing to create a range of art related to our 'Under the Sea' theme, including collages, painting, box construction within our continuous provision. We will be encouraging the children to work independently, finding and selecting resources in their environment, both inside and outside. There will be plenty of opportunities to sing and dance to music related to our theme.

Vocabulary colour, line, draw, shape, texture, pencil, crayon, wax crayon, watercolour, felt tip pen.

Literacy

Our main focus will be reading fictional stories set under the sea. We will be talking about what happens in these stories, sequencing the action from the beginning through the middle and to the ending. We will be using the stories as a stimulus to describe the seas and oceans, the rock pools and beaches that the stories are set in and take that to our creative work in the continuous provision. We will look at the different characters too, describing them and talking about what they might be saying to each other.

Vocabulary, Book, story, sea, creature, character, shell, ocean, fish, whale, rocks, sand, coral, cave, seaweed.

Understanding the World

We will be looking at all the sea creatures that are introduced through the fictional stories in preparation for our trip to the aquarium. We will start to look at the features of different sea animals, talking about those that have a shell, fins, gills and more.

Vocabulary: Sea, ocean and all sea creature names, descriptive words that describe these animals such as spiky, spotty, slimy.

Mandarin

We are going to talk about under the sea next week. Children will know different sea creatures including seahorses, sharks, dolphins, starfish, and seaturtles. Children will make their own Under the Sea picture and a starfish with different materials. We will learn a new song about fish..

key words: seahorses 海马 (hai ma), sharks 鲨鱼(sha yu), dolphins 海豚(hai tun), starfish 海星 (hai xing) seaturtles 海龟(hai gui)

Please let us know if you have any questions or comments.

Many thanks again.

The Nursery Team.