

Dear parents/carers,

This week...

We have had a wonderful week exploring our travel topic through the story *Emma Jane's Aeroplane* by Katie Haworth. The children enjoyed following Emma Jane on her exciting journey around the world and learning about different destinations. As part of our learning, we packed suitcases for our holidays, wrote postcards to our friends and family, and enjoyed role-playing in our travel agency. We learnt about famous destinations including Paris, New York, London and Sydney, discussing what we might see and do in each place. In our construction area, the children worked together to build cities using a variety of resources and used their imagination to create airports, roads and landmarks. They also developed their fine motor skills by cutting along different flight paths, including zigzags, curves and wavy lines.

Next week..

Next week we will begin our exciting seaside topic and our focus story will be *The Snail and the Whale* by Julia Donaldson. Through this beautiful story, the children will learn about friendship, adventure and helping others, whilst exploring different seaside habitats and creatures.

Some of our activities will include:

- Creating seaside pictures and collages using a variety of materials.
- Exploring shells, sand and natural objects in our sensory trays.
- Building boats, beaches and seaside scenes in the construction area.
- Small world seaside play with sea creatures and boats.
- Mark making in sand trays and writing postcards from the seaside.
- Learning about sea animals and discussing how to care for our oceans.

Phonics

We will continue developing our phonics skills through rhyming activities inspired by *The Snail and the Whale*. The children will explore rhyming words, identify initial sounds in words and continue practising blending simple CVC words by listening to sounds and guessing the word.

Maths

We will create seaside pictures using 2D shapes, for example making fish, boats and sea creatures. The children will identify and name shapes such as oval, pentagon, squares and rectangles whilst exploring how shapes can be combined to make new pictures.

Reminders

As the weather is expected to be very warm next week, please ensure that:

- Sun cream (SPF 50+) has been applied before arriving at Nursery.
- Your child brings a named sun hat and water bottle every day.
- Children wear suitable clothing for hot weather.
- Children wear closed-toe shoes. Please avoid open-toe sandals or flip-flops, as these can increase the risk of trips and accidents during outdoor play.

Thank you for your continued support.

Marina and Belinda 😊