

Dear parents/carers,

This week...

This week we have been enjoying the story *Tiddler* by Julia Donaldson. The children loved talking about Tiddler's imaginative adventures and sharing their own ideas about life under the sea. As part of our learning, we have:

- Rescued sea creatures trapped in ice, exploring how ice melts and talking about different sea animals.
- Painted the ocean on cling film, creating beautiful sea-inspired artwork using different shades of blue.
- Developed our fine motor skills by carefully tracing the paths of different fish.
- Made sparkly blue playdough to represent the ocean, using it to create waves, sea creatures and underwater scenes.
- Learned interesting facts about sea creatures and discussed where they live and how they survive in the ocean.
- Continued to enjoy a range of seaside-themed activities through our continuous provision, including creative art, sensory play and imaginative small world play.

Next week..

Next week our focus story will be *Sharing a Shell* by Julia Donaldson, where we will be exploring the importance of friendship, kindness and sharing.

The children will have opportunities to:

- Retell the story using puppets and small world characters.
- Explore real shells and sort them by size.
- Count and compare different sea creatures during practical maths activities.
- Learn about seaside habitats and the animals that live in shells.
- Decorate shells and create beautiful seaside collages.
- Talk about what makes a good friend and practise sharing and taking turns during play.

Phonics

This week we have continued learning our Jolly Phonics songs, practising listening carefully to sounds, joining in with actions and exploring rhyme and alliteration through fun games and activities.

Maths

In maths we will continue developing our counting skills through practical seaside activities, comparing sizes, sorting objects and exploring mathematical language such as big, small, long and short.

Reminders

Sports Day will take place on Tuesday 7th July. Please make sure you have read the Sports Day letter that was sent home, as it contains important information about timings, clothing and arrangements for the day.

Thank you for your continued support.
Marina and Belinda 😊