

Dear parents/carers,

This week...

This week we have enjoyed reading *Sharing a Shell* by Julia Donaldson. The children loved retelling the story using puppets and small world characters, helping them to recall key events and develop their storytelling skills. We explored real shells and sorted them by size, learnt about seaside habitats and the animals that live inside shells, and created beautiful seaside collages by decorating shells. The children also enjoyed taking part in shell treasure hunts, developing their observation skills and working together to find hidden treasures. Throughout the week we talked about what makes a good friend and practised sharing, taking turns and working together during our play, just like the characters in the story.

Next week..

Next week our exciting new topic is Pirates, and we will be reading *Pirates Love Underpants* by Claire Freedman and Ben Cort. Our continuous provision will include pirate small world play, pirate-themed playdough, building a pirate ship outdoors, tracing sea creature paths, treasure map colouring, counting treasure coins, ice cube painting and designing colourful ice lollies. During circle time, we will enjoy pirate adventures by passing the Captain's Parrot, using a magic pirate telescope to describe what we can see and joining in with pirate songs and Cosmic Yoga.

Phonics

We will continue singing our Jolly Phonics songs, developing our listening skills, exploring rhyming words and identifying initial sounds through fun games and activities.

Maths

We will continue developing our counting skills by counting treasure coins, matching quantities and exploring numbers through practical pirate-themed activities.

Reminders

The weather is expected to remain very warm next week. Please remember to:

- Apply SPF 50 sun cream before Nursery.
- Send your child with a named sun hat.
- Bring a named water bottle every day.
- Dress your child in cool, comfortable clothing suitable for outdoor play.
- 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. We hope you have a lovely weekend and look forward to another week of fun pirate adventures!

Marina and Belinda 😊