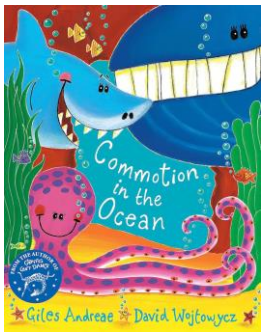

Nursery News

Week Commencing 15/06/26

Commotion in the ocean

This week, we shared the book *Commotion in the Ocean*. Throughout the week, we explored the different sea animals in the story and discussed their features. We also thought of fun names for the animals, including *Lola Lobster* and *Jet Jellyfish*. We enjoyed watching an under-the-sea film, identifying the sea animals we could see and talking about the different colours.

In maths, we explored the concepts of **big** and **small** by sorting sea animals into groups. We also practised counting from 1 to 10 and recognising these numbers. Finally, we looked at repeating patterns and, as a group, created a large angelfish decorated with a repeating pattern.

Our indoor activities have included:

- Giving meaning to marks as we painted an under-the-sea picture.
- Developing our fine motor skills by threading materials to make a jellyfish.
- Creating an under-the-sea environment from the story at the light table using translucent sea creatures.
- Beginning to recognise some numbers and represent them using our fingers at the maths table.
- Creating coral using playdough and loose parts, using our hands to flatten and stretch the dough.

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Our outdoor activities this week have included:

- Dressing up and "putting on a show" on the big stage.
- Exploring shells using magnifying glasses at the mud kitchen.
- Building with the large blocks.
- Sorting Multilink cubes by colour.
- Practising our pencil skills at the mark-making table.
- Pouring and filling with water.
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Some activities you could do with your child at home include:

- Visiting a pet shop and looking at the different fish.
- Practising putting on their own shoes.
- Practising applying their own sun cream, thinking about how much is needed and rubbing it in well.
- Sharing a bedtime story.
- Thinking about the letter sounds in words. You could play games such as: *Can you find the* **s-u-n? ch-air? c-u-p? d-o-ll?**
- Creating rhyming strings, for example:
    - bat, rat, mat
    - map, tap, cap
    - run, sun, bun
- Using the toilet with greater independence. (Remember to have a go at wiping themselves after using the toilet.)