



Welcome back to our Summer Term!

This term our overarching topic is "*Where I Live, Where You Live,*" which offers lots of exciting learning opportunities. We will be exploring the lives of minibeasts, learning more about the coastal area we live in, how to care for it, and discovering what makes our local environment so special.

Some ways to support at home include and share for our home learning wall are:

- **Rockpool exploration** (real or role-play): Learn about crabs, starfish, sea anemones and their habitats

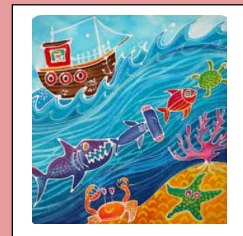


- **Minibeasts by the sea:** Sand hoppers, worms, birds

- **Floating and sinking:** Test natural beach materials

- **Seashell investigation:** Sorting by size, colour, texture and pattern

- **Beach art** using shells, pebbles and driftwood



- **Paint seaside scenes:** Lighthouses, waves, boats

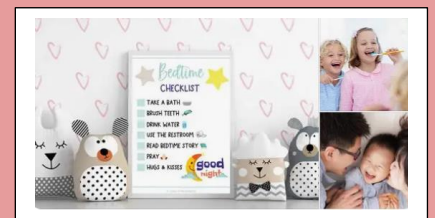
- **Sand sculptures** indoors or outdoors

- **Music:** Create "ocean sounds" with instruments



- **Story art:** Illustrate books like *The Snail and the Whale* or *Sharing a Shell*

Congratulations to everyone who managed to achieve their sleep certificate.



This week, the children have been strengthening their fine motor skills by moulding a variety of minibeasts using plasticine. Plasticine is notoriously firm, so manipulating it helped to build hand and finger strength. Developing these small muscles is an important foundation for pre-writing skills, supporting pencil control and future handwriting development.



Important Diary Dates and Information

Named sun cap to be kept at school - by Friday 1st May

Early Years Open Day - Saturday 16th May 9.30-11.30am

Please pass this diary date on to friends and family who are looking for Nursery full or part time places for September.



Have a Nice Weekend
Take care,
The Nursery Team 😊