



## It's our final week in Nursery!

We have all had an amazing time this year and we would like to say a big thank you for all your support throughout the year. We wish the children all the very best for when they move up into our Reception or onto their new schools in September.

We will finish our learning about summer this week by thinking about holidays, both abroad and in the UK. Our focus story this week is 'Sharing a Shell' by Julia Donaldson.

### Handy Hints to Help at Home

#### Literacy

In Literacy, as always, we will be continuing to focus on developing careful listening and questioning skills by listening to a variety of stories and information books. We will also recap all our phonics learning and will make sure we sing all of the nursery rhymes that we have learnt.

Things to do to help at home:

- This week we will continue learning about summer holidays. Discuss what holidays you might be having over the summer, whether they are at home or abroad. Think about summer themed vocabulary such as holiday, suitcase, passport, airplane, sand castle, ocean, beach, etc.
- Continue to practise writing their name or their initial letter. Please only use a capital letter for the initial, and lowercase for the remaining letters. Please also encourage the correct formation of the letters.
- Encourage your child to hold a pencil using a tripod grip. You can do this by placing a pencil on the edge of the table, tip slightly off, and asking your child to pick it up with their thumb and fore finger. As they pick it up, flip it back to rest against their hand in a tripod grip.
- Read lots of rhyming stories. Can your child notice the rhyming pairs? Can they think of any other words that rhyme?

#### Maths

This week we will be revising our counting skills and extending our learning to counting beyond 5. We will also revise our 2D and 3D shape knowledge.

Things to do to help at home:

- Encourage your child to recognise small amounts of objects (1-3) without counting them. This is called 'subitising'.
- Encourage your child to find 2D and 3D shapes they know whilst out and about. Can they find any of these shapes that relate to the season of summer i.e. a cone for ice cream, a sphere beach ball, a rectangle lilo.
- Sing counting songs.
- Continue to encourage your child to recognise numbers to five.
- Provide opportunities for your child to count out groups of items e.g. "Can you get me 4 forks" when laying the table.
- Use puzzles & games.

***Please remember that afternoon nursery sessions finish at 2:25pm on Friday 18th July, the last day of term. Have a great summer!***