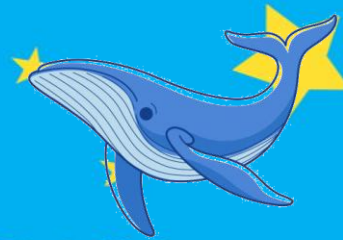




# Year R Learning News



A big hello to our Year R families; we hope you had a great break. It's been a busy start to the final half-term of the school year (where has the time gone?!), with lots of learning and lots of fun.



The children were delighted to find the much-anticipated caterpillars had finally arrived, with each class receiving a pot containing 5 insects each. Already, we have been astounded at how much bigger they have grown in a week! We are excited to watch them grow and it has been wonderful to see how observing them has brought to life our learning on lifecycles.



## Important Dates

- **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June** – Dancing with Don – **Pick up 3.15pm**
- **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June** – Summer Fair
- **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June** – Sports Day: 9.00-10.30 am
- **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July** – Bockett's Farm Trip



We have dived straight into this half term's topic, '*Commotion in the Ocean*', learning about life in our seas and oceans and all the different creatures and plants that can be found beneath the waves. We have been learning why oceans are so important and looking at maps and globes. We are already writing poems, acting out stories through waterplay, drawing pictures, creating ocean paintings and crafting some awesome jellyfish! Safe to say, we are having a-whale of a time! 🐳

## Book of the Week:

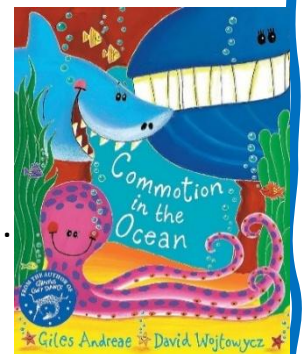


### ***Commotion in the Ocean* by Giles Andreae**

Our book for this week and next is a fun collection of poems about a variety of creatures that live in or near the ocean. From the coast to the bottom of the sea, we met turtles, sharks, octopus, whale and fish.

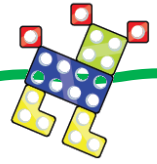
We have enjoyed spotting the rhyming words in the poems and have had lots of discussion about our favourite creatures. This

week we have learnt all about sharks. What is your child's favourite creature from the ocean? Can they tell you anything about them? Next week, we will focus on whales and dolphins!



## Maths

We have once again been looking at **shape**, and learning about what it means to rotate them (i.e. move round a centre point). We have explored moving, turning, rotating and flipping shapes to fit into the spaces provided. We have discovered that we can make new shapes by combining others. We have also learnt that the opposite is true and we can separate or split shapes to make new ones! We have enjoyed playing with shapes, solving shape puzzles and making our own pictures from shapes too.



## Phonics:

In Phonics this week, we have continued to review our GPCS (sounds), and have been looking at digraphs that make a long vowel sound. Can your child sound and blend to read the words below?



gloom

toast

brown

painting

brooms

fright

bleed

throat

green

steep

Tricky words: have are all

were pure some

