

April



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Our Learning

The children have been interested in 'The Sea' and the animals that live in there this month. This started after several children had been on trips to the beach to explore the sand and ocean and wanted to share their experiences with their friends.

Throughout the month, the children have explored which animals live under the water and which can live on the beach. They compared sizes of animals, made habitats for them and even made their own aquariums with lots of animals made with our creative materials. Also, the children learned facts about the animals in our non-fiction sea books that we picked up at the local library, through videos online and searching questions using "Google". They then created their own ocean stories and sea tales, using our imaginative books for inspiration.

This continued with the children beginning to explore boats and ships which led to discussions and stories about pirates. We used small world resources and dressing up materials to become our very own pirates and continue the hunt for treasure, both in the sea and in the sand after making maps and learning to study others. This has led to learning nursery rhymes, songs and new vocabulary throughout a very exciting topic.

Garden Development

We recently invited our parents in for Stay and Play opportunities with the children and staff to help develop our garden after a very harsh winter. We would love to take this opportunity to thank each parent who has taken the time to help us, whether it be donating materials, passing on our pleas to others, or coming into the nursery and helping to build, plant and paint. The garden has improved greatly already and we cannot thank you enough.

We will continue to develop this over the Spring and Summer to continue to provide a range of opportunities for all your children. A massive "THANK YOU" to Ben Building Services for donating 5 tonnes of bark chips to the nursery to allow the staff to develop the children's mud kitchen and water wall further.



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Staffing Update

We have had a few changes to the nursery staff team recently. We appreciate that this can be a challenge for children and families and we aim to always have consistent staff in place for the children. We have welcomed Mrs Gold, Miss Mahmood and Mr Jassey to the team and welcomed back Miss Nisbet who returns from Maternity Leave. We have also sadly said farewell to our Acting Principal Teacher, Mrs Warden and welcomed back Miss Griffiths who has returned to the Early Years Principal Teacher role. We will send out a new Sway with the new Parkhead family members' photos, names and some information about each of them so both families and children can get to know them.

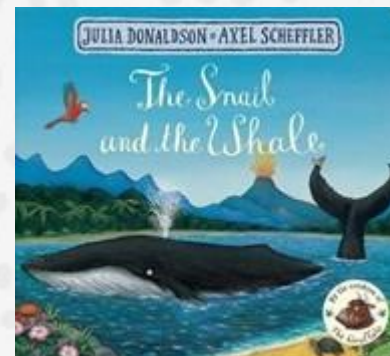
Gentle Reminders

- Please ensure your child has a bottle of sun cream at nursery. These can be opened for 1 year and then needs replenished.
- Please ensure your child leaves toys at home as these can get lost, broken or cause disagreements in the nursery.
- Please ensure your child has a nursery bag with a full change of clothes in it in case they do need a change within their session.

Book Nook

Try reading "The Snail and the Whale" to look out for all of the sea animals we have been learning about.

[The Snail and the Whale - BBC iPlayer](#)



Dates to Remember

- W/b 20th April and 27th April – Parent consultations in nursery
- Monday 4th May – Nursery and school closed
- **Preschool Transition Programme** – information will be sent out to parent/carers as soon as P1 places are confirmed with the school.