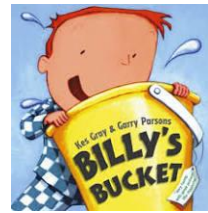


Reception Newsletter- Week beginning: 03.06.24

Term 6 topic- Water, water everywhere!

Our story of the week- 'Billy's Bucket'



Personal, Social and Emotional Development- We continue to use kind hands and use kind words. We know it is important to be helpful in class and try to remember to say please and thank you. In Jigsaw after the Calm Me time, we labelled different parts of our body, thought about what each part of our body does and why they are important. We sang songs about the different parts of the body and when one child asked why a willy wasn't mentioned, we had a brief chat about their private areas using the correct vocabulary of penis and vagina.

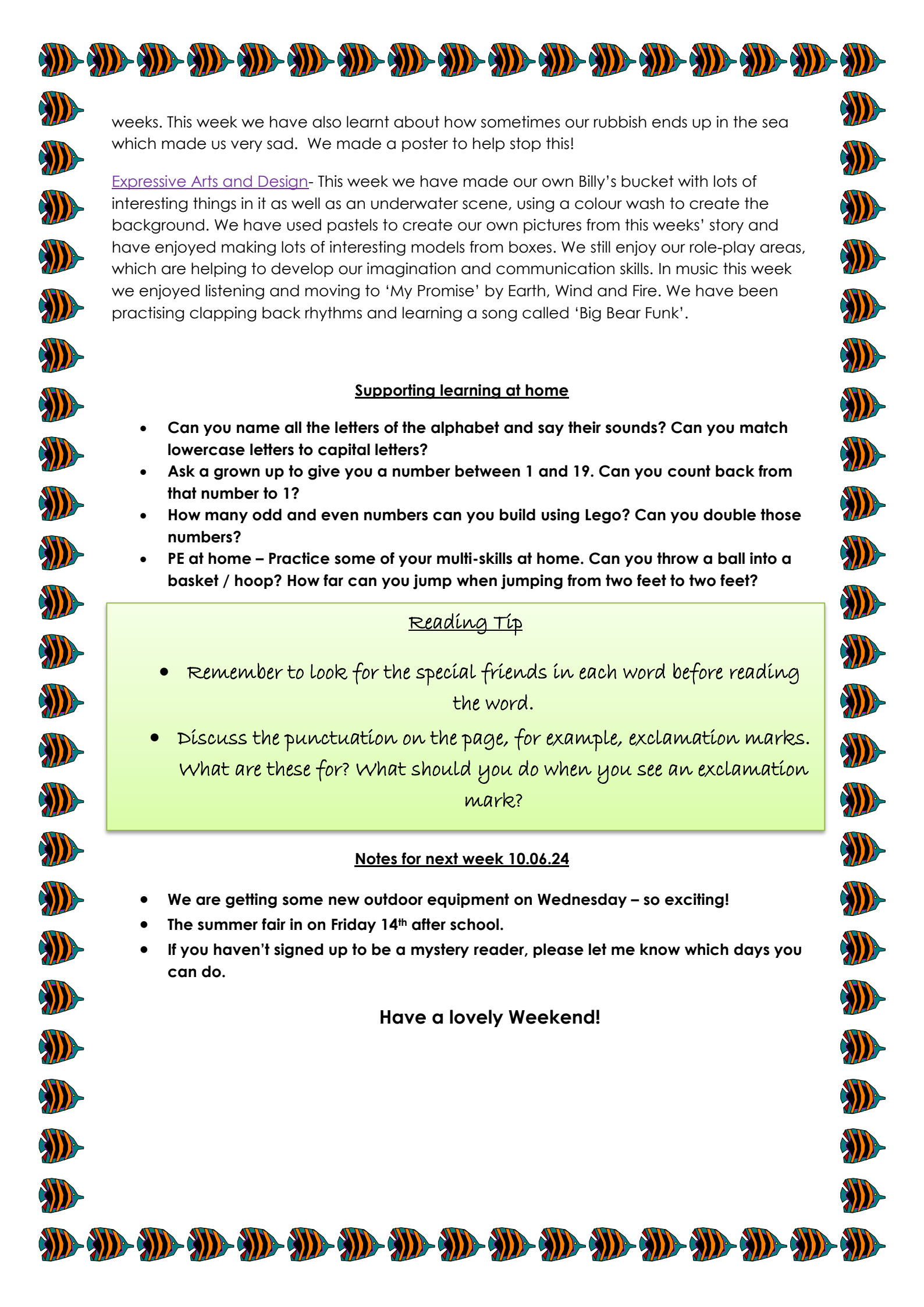
Communication and Language- We have enjoyed chatting about our half term holidays. We have also had lots of discussions about water and where our water comes from. Ask us to tell you all the things we need water for and why it is so important to keep us healthy! We are really enjoying our new topic 'Water' and imagining all the amazing things we can see in Billy's bucket.

Physical Development- In PE this week we joined Mr Smith's class. It was great to have some of the older children teach us how to throw and catch and we worked so well as part of a team. We have developed our fine motor skills this week by creating different sea creatures with playdough, tracing lines using our fingers and paint and even filling our own 'Billy's' bucket. We continue to practise our handwriting and cutting skills and using different constructing toys to help our fingers to become stronger.

Literacy- We have done lots of independent writing in our role-play areas and on clipboards and white boards around our classrooms. The children enjoyed writing labels for the sea creatures that were in Billy's bucket. We even went on an imagination adventure where we saw some very odd things in our buckets, and we then wrote sentences about what we saw. They are now using their Fred Fingers independently and are so much more confident when writing. We have been looking at a variety of non-fiction books about water and have read lots of story books. Remember to keep practising your reading at home.

Mathematics- We have continued to practise counting in 1s, 2s, 5s, and 10s; recognising our numbers to 20 and beyond; doubling and halving; forming our numbers correctly; counting up to 10 and back down again; saying what is one more and one less than a given number. We are also practising counting on and back from a given number not always starting at 1. We have also been practising our addition, counting pictures to find the answer and writing addition number sentences. This week we have focussed on doubling numbers and finding odd and even numbers using Numicon, unifix cubes, pebbles and tens squares.

Understanding the World- We have been looking at different sea creatures this week and have learnt the correct names for the various fish in our seas. We have learnt lots of facts about some of the sea creatures from the other children in the class. Did you know that if a star fish loses a leg a new one grows back? Or that a sea horse is a girl, and a boy so can have babies on its own? Amazing! This week we have also been learning about the different seasons. Ask us to sing our seasons song! In Religious Education, we have learnt about our special places and are very excited about our trip to Faringdon church in a few



weeks. This week we have also learnt about how sometimes our rubbish ends up in the sea which made us very sad. We made a poster to help stop this!

Expressive Arts and Design- This week we have made our own Billy's bucket with lots of interesting things in it as well as an underwater scene, using a colour wash to create the background. We have used pastels to create our own pictures from this weeks' story and have enjoyed making lots of interesting models from boxes. We still enjoy our role-play areas, which are helping to develop our imagination and communication skills. In music this week we enjoyed listening and moving to 'My Promise' by Earth, Wind and Fire. We have been practising clapping back rhythms and learning a song called 'Big Bear Funk'.

### Supporting learning at home

- Can you name all the letters of the alphabet and say their sounds? Can you match lowercase letters to capital letters?
- Ask a grown up to give you a number between 1 and 19. Can you count back from that number to 1?
- How many odd and even numbers can you build using Lego? Can you double those numbers?
- PE at home – Practice some of your multi-skills at home. Can you throw a ball into a basket / hoop? How far can you jump when jumping from two feet to two feet?

### Reading Tip

- Remember to look for the special friends in each word before reading the word.
- Discuss the punctuation on the page, for example, exclamation marks. What are these for? What should you do when you see an exclamation mark?

### Notes for next week 10.06.24

- We are getting some new outdoor equipment on Wednesday – so exciting!
- The summer fair in on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> after school.
- If you haven't signed up to be a mystery reader, please let me know which days you can do.

**Have a lovely Weekend!**