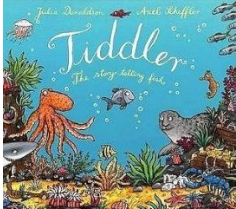
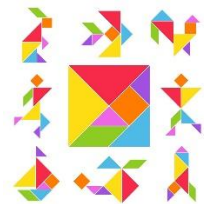
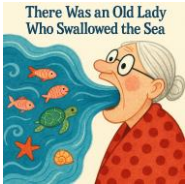


Weekly Learning Letter

Early Years 02.06.26

This week in Early Years... 	Dive beneath the waves as we begin an exciting new chapter of our learning with an 'Under the Sea' adventure! We have been discovering the fascinating life of Mary Anning, a pioneering fossil hunter who explored the famous Jurassic Coast. This incredible stretch of cliffs and beaches is bursting with the hidden remains of sea creatures that lived over 200 million years ago! Inspired by Mary's discoveries, we have been busy creating our very own "curiosities" to help us explore just like real fossil hunters. There is a real sense of anticipation as we prepare for our own fossil hunt later in the term—what might we uncover? From ancient creatures to buried treasures, our journey is only just beginning. We can't wait to see what lies beneath the surface as we step back in time and uncover the secrets of the prehistoric sea!
Maths 	Turtle and Dolphin Class have been having a fantastic time exploring shapes in maths this week! We've been busy discovering how shapes can be built and taken apart in exciting ways. Did you know two right-angled triangles can be turned and joined to make an oblong? Or that a square can be split into two matching oblongs? We loved investigating this! Our fun continued with tangrams, where we used the pieces to copy pictures and design our own creative shape masterpieces.
English 	This week, Turtle and Dolphin Class have been having lots of fun with the rhyme 'There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed the Sea'. The children worked in small groups to learn and perform different verses, using props and actions to bring the story to life—there was plenty of laughter along the way! We also explored rhyming words and got creative by inventing our own silly new verses. From swallowing sharks in the dark to crabs that were "fab," the children loved playing with language and rhythm.
Phonics	This week we have focused on reading and spelling phase 4 words such as: string, drench, street, thrust, driftwood, printer, twisting. We have also consolidated the spelling of tricky words: he, me, we, be, she.
Weekly Spellings	This term will be sending home 5 weekly spellings for the children to learn. Spellings for this week: the to I no go A selection of the spellings from the half term will be tested in a Big Spell in July. Children who score highly in the Big Spell will receive a certificate. Gold (5) Silver (4) Bronze (3) Half termly Big Spells will continue as the children move into Year 1.
Partnered Reading	Books read this week: Beetroots and Turnips, Sid-Cam, The Bop Your child will be able to tell you which book they have read, and you can access these on Bug Club.
Reminders	Sports Day: Friday 12th June 9am-10:30am Father's Day Visits: Turtle Class 9am on Friday 19th June. Dolphin Class 9am on Monday 22nd June

To support your child's learning at home this week you could...

- *Go on a shape hunt in your house or when you are out and about. What did you notice about the shapes? Did the shape have other shapes within it?*
- *Research Mary Anning, what did you find out? Can you record your facts by creating a video or drawing a picture.*
- *Play a rhyming game- how many words can you think of which rhyme with **shark** in 30 seconds? Use your words to write a rhyming sentence e.g. An enormous shark sat in the park when it was dark.*