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Dear Parents/Carers,

What a short, but definitely fun-filled term it has been! We have learnt so much about 'Everyday Heroes' and come to understand how we are all kept safe by the jobs that people do in our community. We enjoyed meeting our local Police officers and after sitting behind the wheel of a Police van and car, many of us decided that this would be an exciting job to have when we are older! After pretending to be lifeguards this week, we cannot wait for our next Topic, 'Happy Holidays'. To focus our learning for this Topic, each week the children will complete a WOW activity linked to our theme during independent learning time.

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
Getting creative with designing and making our own sandcastles.	Having fun crafting our own sea creatures: paper plate crabs, footprint star fish and yoghurt pot jellyfish.	Dressing ready for the weather with sun hats and glasses, ahead of our family visit to Saltram.	Retelling 'Sharing a Shell' with our very own stick puppets.
Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8
Putting our designs to the test when investigating what floats our boats.	Appreciating, sorting and arranging the different sized and shaped shells from our 'garden beach'.	Sharing our shells and decorating them with dazzling, colourful and unique patterns.	Sprinkling and shaking colourful sand to make a fantastic summer collage.

WOW, how exciting! We were all so happy to see that Crab had set up his home in the shells of our very own seaside rock pool. After talking about the beaches that we have visited and some of the places we have been for holidays, we cannot wait to set off on our next adventure in Pre-school.

Throughout the Topic the children will be introduced to 'Sharing a Shell' (by Julia Donaldson) and read all about the underwater adventures of three very special friends in the summer sun. This topic will also include many non-fiction texts to encourage the children to explore, observe and question their environment and the greater world around them. This will include different places and lifestyles of people within their city, their country and their world, as well as changes in weather, and different habitats of some sea and land creatures.



The children will continue to have daily Phonics and Maths sessions to support consistency in their learning. In Phonics, we will be revisiting Phase 1 sounds. This will conclude tuning into and making our own music, listening to and copying the funny sounds we hear in our environment, continuing to sing and sign our favourite rhymes and listening for rhyming patterns in stories too, as well as listening carefully for the initial sounds in words to help us describe some of places we like to visit. In Maths, we will be recognising numbers, perfecting counting up and down to help us compare different groups as well as looking at properties to compare different objects.

Thank you for supporting us by completing the home learning, it has been a great contribution to our displays and Learning Journeys. There has been some fantastic home learning linked to our Topic over the past term. Please keep this coming in

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because it is a great contribution. Home learning will continue to go home each week on a Friday and then returned on the following Friday. In addition, story books will continue to be changed twice a week. Prizes are awarded for children who share their books with their family and friends on a regular basis. Please remember you can send your Home WOW moments to the Early Years email address: earlyyears@ecs.plymouth.sch.uk or you can write WOW moments onto the sheet attached – additional sheets are also available from you class teacher at the door.

We hope you have a wonderful break and look forward to seeing you in the Term 6!

Yours Sincerely,

Miss Hill and Miss Auguste

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