

Skills focus for this term:

- Communication - gathering information.
- Employability - Environmentally friendly.

Things to look forward to:

- Exploring our local coastal areas
- Creating and making full use of our underworld grotto as we role play and use our imagination.
- Cooking and preparing a fish to cook outside at the beach
- Rock pool surveys
- Making music as we experiment with the percussion instruments.

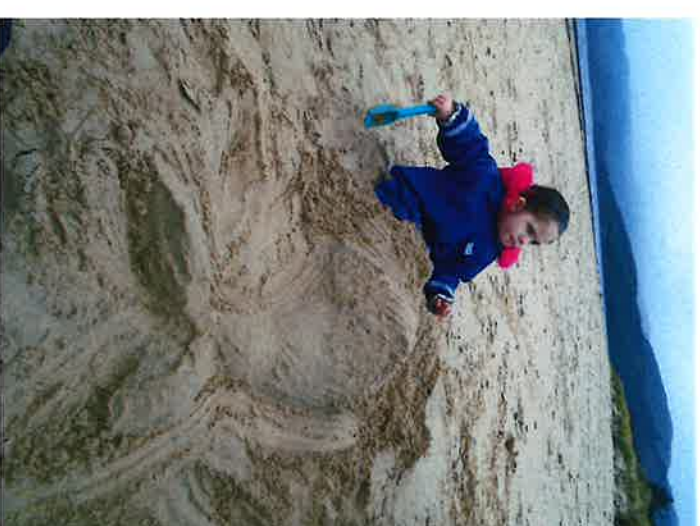


**"Who says that
my dreams
have to stay just
my dreams?"**

Ariel, The Little Mermaid

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Under the sea

We are delighted to be back after the Christmas Break. Holidays offer us all an opportunity to relax, refresh and reinvigorate ourselves, something we all need to do! But now we're back...

Aren't we so lucky to live by the seaside?

This session we will be focusing on our under the sea theme alongside our local community coastal areas. We will be out about by the harbor and comparing terrain and rock pool surveys from the rocky Shore, Port Righ road to the beautiful sandy big bay. The children have shown a keen interest in Mermaids and we will be incorporating this into our role play area as the children help create and construct an underworld grotto full of sea life and mermaid treasures.

"Smell the sea and feel the sky. Let your soul and spirt fly."

Van Morrison

Mermaid Myths & Tales

Legends and folktales are stories that have been passed down from one generation to another.

The children have been curious to find out about Mermaids and make up some stories of their own. Children have made a start on decorating our role play area by drawing around each other to make their own mermaids.

In many stories, books and movies mermaids have great singing voices and can play instruments as we will do when we role play in our underwater grotto.

A mermaids are half human and half fish and are very beautiful with long flowing hair. They have the most angelic voices that are said to hypnotise sailors at sea. Legends say that their voice along with their beauty has caused sailors to steer the boats off course, causing them to crash or go off cliffs. We have set up a mermaid hair salon to brush and design some beautiful mermaid hair creations. This is helping to develop our fine motor skills as we pinch, squeeze and twist the various hair bobbles and clips on offer for the children to experiment with.

Key learning this theme:

- I can explore my local coastal areas
- I can find out about some mermaid myths and legends.
- I can record information from a rock pool survey.
- I can role play being a mermaid, singing and playing musical instruments.
- I can measure the size sea of some sea creatures using everyday items of measure.
- I can prepare and cook a whole fish to cook outdoors

Things that can be done at home:

- Visit a beach to collect some mermaid treasure. (Shells, sea glass etc.)
- Make some 'jelly fish' using jelly and some gummy fish sweets as a treat
- Make waves using an old sheet while playing in the garden. Gently flap from a calm sea to stormy and vice versa.
- Play a movement game-on land & sea by asking where different creatures live e.g. If you say cow children walk around a space or if you say shrimp children gesture using swimming movements.
- Use a blanket to create a mermaid tail. Sit on the rocks (sofa) and shout 'Coo eel' or sing sweetly to entrance the sailors.
- Blow bubbles to create underwater effects. Fill a basin with lots of bubbly water and enjoy some water play indoors and out.