

**Play Along**  
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Dear Parent/Carer  
June/July 2017

### Under the Sea

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I cannot believe that we are half way through the summer term, only seven weeks to the end of our pre-school year!

Over the next few weeks we will be practicing a variety of skills, through play and activities, to reinforce skills in numeracy, mark making/writing, letters and sounds, initial letter sounds, & rhyming words.

Friday 9th June we have the Healthy Lifestyles team coming in for the first of 5 weekly sessions teaching the children about the importance of a healthy diet, exercise, dental hygiene, we will be tasting different healthy foods, making smoothies and wraps etc. etc.

We will be planting up some bedding plants in our new outdoor area, learning how to look after them, growing plants from seed, watering them and reminding the children of the importance of washing our hands and keeping mud outside not on the carpets. We will be drawing, painting and colouring in flowers to further develop our pencil control, writing/mark making our names on our work using our name cards.

After our trip to The Sealife Centre, (we hope you liked the 'shark' picture as much as we did, the children were fantastic actors & actresses as the photographer took the picture next to a blank wall and told the children to look scared and imagine there were sharks swimming around them), we will be using the theme of fish as we reinforce our counting, sorting and matching number skills, encouraging the children to copy or overwrite numbers.

Our noticeboard will be transformed to 'Under the Sea' and the last week of term will be Pirates and Mermaids which will be the theme for our end of year Party

### **Dates for your diary!**

8th June: Play Along closed for the General Election

9th June: Healthy lifestyles come into setting for 5 weeks

16th June : Mad Hair Day, organised by Friends of Millbrook, optional £1 contribution.

20th June : Taster session for new children starting September 2017

12th July : Sign Along performance, please come along and watch your children sing & sign 9.15am

19th July : End of year party , (party food donations would be much appreciated)

21st July: Last Day of Term

### **Ways to help at home-**

- \* Reinforce counting skills at any opportunity, counting games, people around the table at meal times, wheels on the car etc.
- \* Mark making skills, holding a pencil or crayon correctly
- \* Talk about Road Safety
- \* As always, help your child to develop listening skills, hearing initial letter sounds in words, not letter names, **letter sounds.**
- \* Encourage your children to dress/undress independently, so helpful when they start school, PE & putting/taking off coats can take forever.

