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PRIORY SCHOOL NEWS

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Headteacher's News

As we reach the end of another week, I wanted to begin by saying a huge thank you to our entire school community for the way everyone has responded during this week's exceptionally hot weather.

The decision to reduce the school day was not one we took lightly, but throughout the week I have been incredibly proud of the way staff, parents and pupils have worked together to keep everyone safe and well. Thank you to all our families for your understanding, flexibility and prompt collections. We know that changing routines at short notice can be challenging, and your support has been greatly appreciated.

I would also like to thank our wonderful staff, who have gone above and beyond in very difficult conditions. They have adapted lessons, ensured children stayed hydrated, sought out the coolest spaces in school and continually monitored pupils' wellbeing throughout the day. Their care, professionalism and commitment to the children have been exceptional.

Most importantly, I have been incredibly proud of our pupils. They have coped remarkably well with the extreme temperatures, shown kindness towards one another and listened carefully to the additional guidance that has helped keep everyone safe.

This week has been a wonderful reminder that when we work together as a school community, we can successfully navigate even the most unusual challenges. Thank you once again for your continued support and partnership.

Warm Weather Information

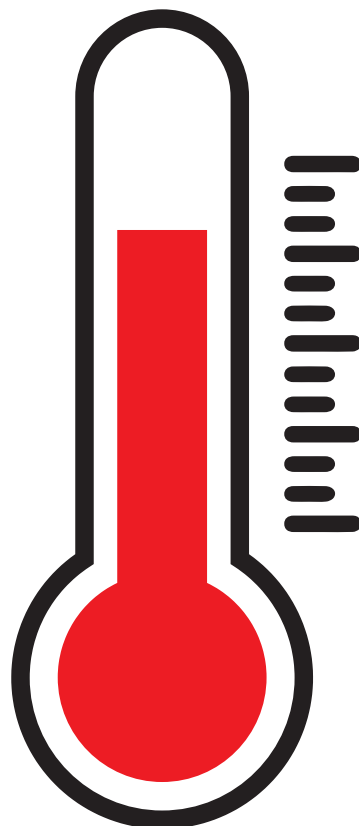


Now the warm weather is approaching, please ensure that your child comes to school with a named full water bottle each day.

Please also remember to:

- Apply sun cream before your child arrives, as staff are not permitted to apply sun cream.
- Send your child with a named hat to wear outdoors.
- Administer any hay fever medication at home before school, if required.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep the children safe and comfortable during the warmer months.



Important dates:

[Click here](#) to link to the school calendar

[Click here](#) to see term dates for 2025-2026

Leaflets and letters:

Please [click here](#) to go to our leaflets page on the website and choose external providers

Signs of the week:

Cinema Farm

<https://youtu.be/bFbljtatQgE>

Attendance

Weekly attendance percentages

W/C 22nd June

Whole School - 81.98%

Nursery - 80.75%

Reception - 85.54%

Year 1 - 88.02%

Year 2 - 77.24%

Year 3 - 83.42%

Year 4 - 81.35%

Year 5 - 80.30%

Year 6 - 82.48%

Congratulations to Cherry with 90.70% the highest attendance this week!



Peek at the Week

Nursery – 26th June 2026



Sports Day: 6th July

9:30am and 1:45pm

Please refer to individual letters for AM or PM session.



Please be reminded that we can only welcome 2 guests per child due to space in the garden.

With all the heat our plants are also struggling even though we are remembering to water them.



However, we have been really excited to see that our tomatoes are beginning to grow.



Also our beans have grown and they are almost ready to pick!



Our Learning

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

It has been so hot this week and we are very proud of how the children have coped. They have been looking out for each other and reminding their friends to stay safe in the sun whilst they are in nursery.

Don't forget to:

1. Wear sun lotion
2. Stay in the shade
3. Wear a hat
4. Drink lots of water



Communication & Language Development

This week we have been having lots of story times under the shade of the big nursery tree in our garden. One of our new favourites is 'Oh dear, look what I got!' by Michael Rosen which is an excellent book to help the children with their rhyming skills.



Physical Development



We have been keeping cool by having lots of water play. Pouring activities help develop fine motor skills by building hand-eye coordination, strengthening the small muscles in the fingers and wrists and promoting a controlled grip.



Child of the week: Darcie-Jean for beginning to follow the classroom charter and sharing and turn taking with her friends this week.

Please share this video and encourage your child to watch and sing along.
'There's a worm at the bottom of the garden' <https://youtu.be/vdWsez-CD5o>



Contact us: nursery@prioryschool.com

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Peek at the Week

Reception – 26th June 2026

Important Dates / Reminders

- 9th July- Sports Day (1:45pm-3pm)
- 14th July- Reception Graduation Day (2:00pm-3:00pm)

We will be sending reading books home every **Wednesday**, please ensure your child brings their book bag, reading book and reading journal on this day.

Homework

- Please read with your child for at least 15 minutes a day.

As the weather is getting warmer, please can you ensure your child comes to school with a named water bottle and a cap. Additionally can we ask all school uniform is named.

Thank you for your support!



Our Learning - This week:



Communication and Language Development

We have brought caterpillars into our classroom and will be observing them over time. The children will have the exciting opportunity to watch the caterpillars grow, form a chrysalis, and eventually transform into beautiful butterflies. This hands-on experience will help them learn about the life cycle of a butterfly and the fascinating process. We look forward to observing and discussing each stage of their development together.

Phonics:

In Phonics, we have begun learning Phase 4, where the children are using sound talk and blending skills to read words. The children are growing in confidence when reading and writing words independently. Please continue to practise Phase 2 and Phase 3 sounds at home to support your child's learning.

Please continue to practice the following tricky words:

the, of, I, put, pull, full, was, they, you, push, was, by, all, into, are, sure, pure, **said, so, have, love, like, here, do, were, what, when.**

Maths:

In Maths, we have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes. We have been reviewing the names of different shapes and talking about their features. The children have enjoyed spotting shapes in the classroom and outdoor environment, sorting them into groups, and using shape names in their play and learning. Through practical activities and discussions, they are becoming more confident in recognising and describing a range of 2D and 3D shapes.

Reception Star of the week:

R Rupert: R Rupert

R Paddington: R Paddington



Reception song of the week: Growing up

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c4A-nW6dgmM&list=RDc4A-nW6dgmM&start_radio=1

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Peek at the Week

Year 1 – 26/06/26

Important Dates / Reminders

Thursday 9th July – Sports Day

As the weather continues to heat up, we encourage all children to wear appropriate clothing and bring a sun hat into school.

Sun cream should be applied before coming to school.

This week has been all about staying cool in Year 1!

We have spent lots of time in our outdoor area, using our water equipment. While keeping cool, it has also allowed lots of practice of pouring, measuring and fine motor skill such as using droppers. We used guttering to build channels and ramps for boats to travel down, and made potions from petals and shiny water.



In Maths, we have been counting from 50 to 100.

We practiced recognising 10s in various forms - physical manipulatives like numicon and base 10, as well as in pictorial representations. We have been playing Maths games to further embed our number knowledge.

In Science we looked at the human body. The children worked in groups to name as many parts of the body they could, thinking both the limbs outside the body and the organs inside. We then drew around each other before labelling all the body parts we could see.



Stars of the Week

1 Jeffers: Tahara

1 Donaldson: Nia



Words of the Week: heatwave temperature scorching

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Peek at the Week

Year 2 – 26th June 2026

Important Dates / Reminders

2.07.26 Y2 Beale Park trip

9.07.26 Y2 Sports Day 1.15–
15.00



Since the weather forecast is warm we are planning to give the children the opportunity to go in the paddling pool at Beale Park, as we have done in previous years. Could you please make sure your child brings a small rucksack to the trip with the following:

- a towel
- swimming costume/shorts
- a plastic bag to put the wet items in afterwards
- a water bottle
- a waterproof coat

Can you also please make sure that they have a cap and have had sun cream applied in the morning before coming into school. They will also have an additional drink and packed lunch from the school kitchen.

The children do not need to wear their school uniform on this trip and can wear their own clothes. We suggest comfy shoes, as there is plenty of walking, and practical clothes for climbing and playing in. They will need to get themselves into their swimwear and then changed again afterwards so please practice this at home with your child if they are not already confident in doing this independently.

Our Learning

This week, in English the children have been looking at the poem 'The Treasures' by Clare Bevan. The children loved thinking of different natural treasures and why they were so special!

In maths we have started to look at fact families to 20 as well as 100!



In computing we will be experimenting and developing our computing skills on Scratch Junior!



Child of the Week

2Newton: Nela

2Franklin: Arthur





Peek at the Week

Year 3– 26th June 2026

Important Dates / Reminders

09.07.26 Year 3 Sports Day (pm)

17.07.26 Y6 Summer Fair–KS2

children may bring money in to visit the fair with their class during the afternoon.



HOMEWORK

Please encourage your child to read for at least 15 minutes every day and to record this in their reading record. You can access the children's online library by following this link:

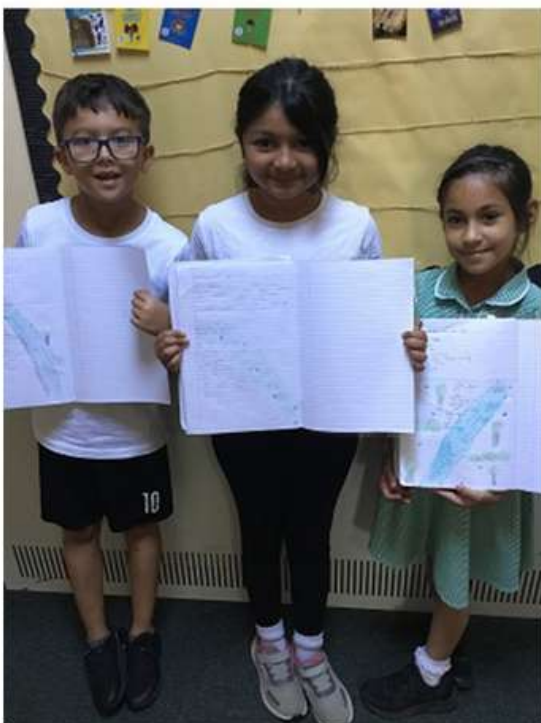
<https://www.collinshub.co.uk/login/>

Please also spend 10-15 minutes a day on TTRS to practise times tables:

<https://play.trockstars.com/auth/school/student>

Don't forget that your child needs to wear the correct PE uniform to school each **Monday**.

Only fruit is allowed for a break time snack.



Our Learning

This week, we have been continuing to learn about flowering plants.

In Maths, we explored different types of angles and learnt about parallel and perpendicular lines.

Next week, we will be making pop up books in our Design Technology lessons. We will explore and test different pop up mechanisms and then design a make a non fiction book about plants.

In Maths, we will be learning to name and describe 2-d and 3-d shapes. We will also be learning some Roman numerals.

We will then move on to learning how to tell the time on an analogue clock. It would be great if you could also encourage children to read the time on clocks at home.

Roman Numerals	I	1
	II	2
	III	3
	IV	4
	V	5
	VI	6
	VII	7
	VIII	8
	IX	9
	X	10
	XX	20

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Word of the Week: important



Peek at the Week

Year 4 – 26th June 2026

Important Dates / Reminders

09.07.26 Sports Day (Year 4 am)

17.07.26 Summer Fair



HOMEWORK

Please encourage your child to read for at least 15 minutes every day and to record this in their reading record. You can access the children's online library by following this link:

<https://www.collinshub.co.uk/login/>

Please also spend 10-15 minutes a day on TTRS to practise times tables:

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Don't forget that your child needs to wear the correct PE uniform to school each **Wednesday**.

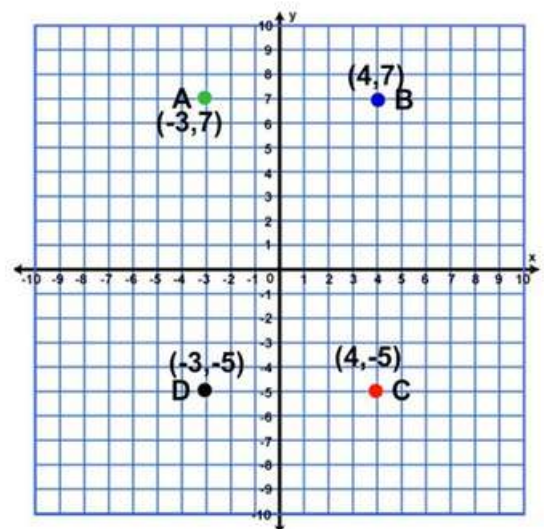
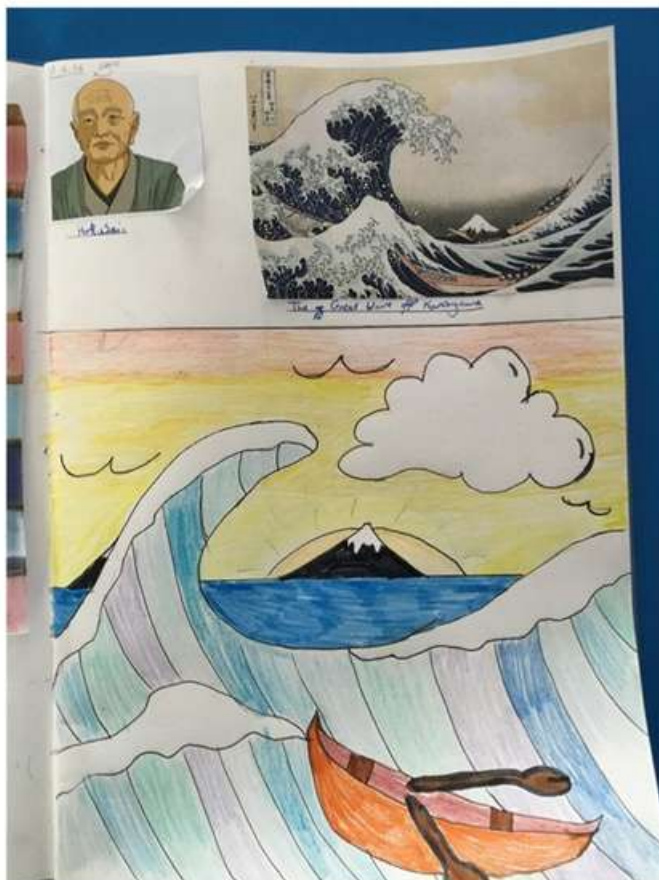
Our Learning

This week, we have started a unit on sound. In our lesson on Monday afternoon, we explored how sounds are made by vibrations and how these sounds travel to our ears.

In English, we have started to read the narrative poem, 'The Pied Piper of Hamelin'. This has allowed us to take part in some shared reading sessions so that we can see how reading lessons are taught in Year 5.

Next week, we will be learning about pitch in our science lessons. We will make musical instruments and explore how to make lower and higher pitched notes using elastic bands.

In Maths, we will be learning about position and direction and how to follow and plot coordinates.



Word of the Week: important

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Year 5 Peek at the Week

Friday 26th June 2026

Important Dates / Reminders

30th June: Fire Service Visit
 9th July: Sports Day
 17th July: Summer Fayre
 21st July: Last day of term

Our Learning

This week, we started our science unit on plants and animals. Here we explored the differences and similarities between the animal and plant kingdoms.

In maths, we have also completed our final assessments for the year!

In English, we started our new topic, power of reading with a focus on a new book called "Street Child". We also complete our final SPAG and reading assessments which should come home today.

Next week, we will continue our science unit with an eco-friendly eye: we will learn about life cycles and then explore the importance of bees. We will also learn about scientists that dedicate their lives to conservation.

In maths, we will begin looking at time. We will be focusing on the theoretical and practical side of telling the time using a digital clock and analogue.

In English, we will continue to read "Street Child", and will be delving deep into the text and connecting with the characters through targeted tasks.



PSHRE Focus: In PSHRE this term, we are on our last JIGSAW unit 'Changing Me' where we will learn about self-image, puberty and coping positively with change. Towards the end of the unit, we will start preparing ourselves for the year ahead by focussing on building healthy relationships and learning the skills required to develop resilience, assertiveness and self-respect.

Child of the week

5Dawe: **Amber-Rose** 5Maple: **Yasin** 5Ofili: **Ellie**

Word of the Week: **sufficient**

Remember to read 3 times a week and practise your timetables on Rockstar Maths.

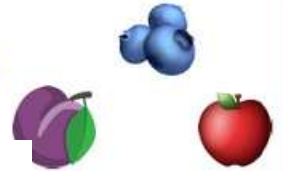
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Peek of the Week

The Orchard

26/06/26



Important Dates

Berries Class Community visits

Every Monday morning—please remember £2 for the café!

Apples class TVAP:

Every Wednesday

Apple class Odds Farm trip Tuesday

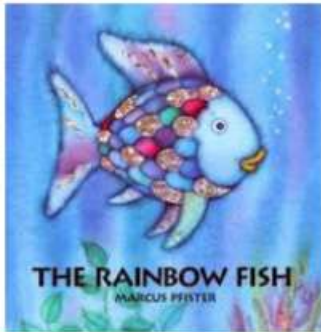
14th July

Plums class trip to Whipsnade

Thursday 2nd of July

Pears Swimming trips

Every Friday—please remember swimming

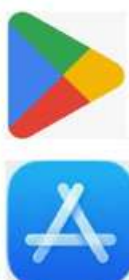


This week has been a little different due to the very hot weather. The school has been closing at 1pm each day to keep everyone safe, so we have not followed our usual timetable and some of our class trips had to be cancelled. Despite this, the children have had a relaxed week and stayed engaged with their learning.

In English, we have continued writing our own version of The Rainbow Fish. The children have been working on the middle part of the story, using our story map and Colourful Semantics to help them sequence events and build their sentences.

In Maths, the children have continued learning about time. They have been matching their daily timetable to photographs of themselves completing different classroom activities, helping them understand the order of their school day and develop their understanding of routines.

In Science, we explored states of matter by observing ice cream melt, watching a solid change into a liquid. The children loved the experiment—and even more so when they got to enjoy some ice cream themselves to help keep cool in the hot weather! Thank you for your continued support, and we hope you all have a lovely, cooler weekend.



Stars of the week



Cherry class: Adeisen – for tolerating getting wet during water play and having lots of fun with his friends



Plum class: Abdullah for speaking louder and expressing his feelings appropriately



Apple class: The whole class for being fantastic learners despite the hot weather!

Pear class: Eliza for doing great drawing in English and for lovely singing in class



Berry class: Ethan for being an amazing snack time helper and showing improved self-regulation.



Music News

Lunchtime Concert Congratulations

We are so proud of all of the children who performed in their lunchtime concerts recently. Several children had never played their instrument in front of an audience before, and showed such courage when taking the opportunity to share their learning with parents and friends. Everyone performed with such confidence and the audience were very impressed! Thank you to everyone who came along to support, and to our wonderful instrumental teachers for helping with all of the preparations. Congratulations to every one of our young musicians!

Choir at the Hexagon

On Monday 22nd June, a group of 35 choir members took part in an amazing concert at the Hexagon theatre in Reading. Organised by Slough Music Service, the concert "Our World, Our Voice" involved over 600 Slough students singing together. The choir have been working hard to prepare a wide selection of songs over the past few weeks, ready to perform at this occasion, and it was wonderful to hear it all come together in our afternoon rehearsal with the live orchestra and professional band.

The children loved the experience of performing at such a fantastic venue with such an appreciative audience, and especially enjoyed the grand finale "Waving Flag"! Thank you to our choir who worked so hard beforehand and represented Priory so well on the day, to the staff who gave up their evening to support, and to parents for coming along to enjoy the concert with us and enabling their children to take part. What a wonderful day!



🏆 Sports Day Timetable 2026 🏆

We are excited to share the dates, times, and locations for this year's Sports Day events. Please see the schedule below for your child's year group.

☀️ Monday 6th July

Year Group - Time - Location

Nursery AM 9:30 – 10:30 Nursery Garden

Orchard 1:45 – 2:45 Main Field

Nursery PM 1:45 – 2:45 Nursery Garden

☀️ Thursday 9th July

Year Group - Time - Location

Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6 9:30 – 11:45 Main Field

Reception, Year 1, 2 & 3 1:15 – 3:00 Main Field

We look forward to welcoming families to support the children during these exciting events. It promises to be a fantastic celebration of teamwork, effort, and sporting spirit! 🏃♂️ 🏃♀️ 🏆



Free School Meals Upcoming Changes

May 2026

Dear Parent / Carer:

We write to you today to confirm changes that are due to take affect from **1st September 2026**.

New Criteria:

Free school meals are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Are in receipt of income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Receive the guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Meet criteria set out for families with no recourse to public funds.

Changes:

The changes that will take effect on the **1st of September 2026** for benefit related Free School Meals are:

- **FSM Eligibility Protection Ending:** Previously Central government had started an initiative on the 1st of April 2018 that any benefit related free school meals eligibility would be protected, this was referred to as transitional protection, this meant that eligibility would continue while Universal Credit was being rolled out. The transitional protection that has been in place since 01/04/2018 will end on 31/08/2026.
- **Universal Credit Eligibility Changes:** From the 01/09/2026 FSM eligibility is expanding to all children from households in receipt of Universal Credit regardless of household earnings. There will be 2 categories of eligibility for families in receipt of Universal Credit. The 2 categories are:
 1. **Universal Credit Targeted FSM Eligibility:** Children from households in receipt of Universal Credit with annual household earnings of £7,400 or less (the existing threshold for FSM prior to the expansion), will be eligible for targeted FSM. In addition to receiving free meals, pupils eligible for targeted FSM will attract pupil premium and other disadvantage funding for their schools. Other education entitlements that have previously been linked to eligibility for FSM, such as the Holiday Activities and Food program (HAF) and the 'extended rights' element of school travel assistance, will also continue to be based on targeted FSM.
 2. **Universal Credit Expanded FSM Eligibility:** Children from households in receipt of Universal Credit, with annual household earnings exceeding £7,400 will be entitled to expanded FSM (meals only).

What to Do Next?

You will have to re-check your child's eligibility for Free school meals before the 1st of September 2026. If your child is currently in receipt of benefit related free school meals this will automatically end of August 2026. Please confirm the information that your child's school holds for you on their database or if you have not provided your child's school with your information, please provide your child's school with the following information so that the school can carry out an FSM eligibility check for you. You need to provide or confirm the following details:

Your Full Legal Name

Your Date of Birth

Your National Insurance or Asylum Number

Alternatively if you have not provided the above information to your child's school you can apply or re-apply online via the Slough Borough Council website and submit a claim online, this will be processed and an outcome will be emailed to you, the results and information will be shared with your child's school.

Slough Borough Council is committed to supporting and helping all our families. If you are a Slough Borough Council resident and you are facing financial difficulty, please call our customer services team on 01753 475111 who will be able to advise you of any additional help available in your circumstances. Families living outside of Slough Borough Council please contact your Local Authority.

Yours sincerely

FSM Administration



UNWANTED PRESENTS

TO PREPARE FOR OUR
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAYRE
WE ARE STARTING EARLY!

IF YOU HAVE ANY UNWANTED GIFTS FROM
ANY OCCASION AT ANY TIME DURING THE
YEAR PLEASE POP THEM IN TO THE MAIN
RECEPTION

SUMMER CAMP THEMES

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PRIORY SCHOOL



Journey In Space

Focus: Teambuilding,
Curiosity, Discovery



Jungle Adventure

Focus: Agility, Reaction,
Imagination



Festival Frenzy

Focus: Fun, Inclusion,
Celebration



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Engagement, Achievement



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Focus: Confidence,
Leadership, Courage



Deep Sea Discovery

Focus: Creativity,
Exploration, Coordination

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TUESDAYS
23RD / 30TH JUNE
6:00 – 6:45PM



SATURDAYS
4TH / 11TH / 18TH JULY
9:00 – 10:00AM

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