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### Exploring Chris New Book

Today Chris brought in a special book from home all about underwater animals. The Elephants love exploring water animals especially baby sharks. Chris took a seat on the mat exploring each different sea animal as he turned page by page. His friends took a seat next to him, Chris was excited showing his friends and Miss Sharnee the different whales and sharks he could see on his book.

"Shark", "Whale" Said Chris as he pointed to them.

The children were very intrigued by the book and the different illustrations found on each page. Miss Sharnee read out a few different paragraphs on whales and shark the children listened carefully.

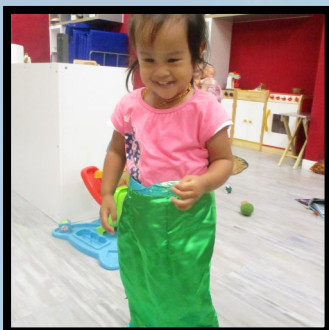
What can you see ?

"Baby shark!" answered Jade and Cienna.

Reading and sharing stories is a great way for children to understand sounds, words and language while also developing early literacy skills. Reading also provides the opportunity for the children to focus, concentrate and build on their social skills.







### Dress Ups

Deacon pulled down the pirate shirt from the dress up trolley, pulling it down from its hanger. He then began to take off his shirt before attempting to put on the pirate shirt. "What are you wearing Deacon? Miss Lauren asked with a giggle. He smiled and handed Miss Lauren the shirt to help him put on.

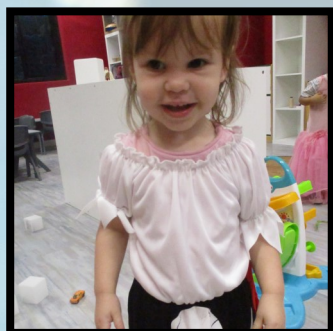
Jade and Lexie observed Deacon as he tried on different dress ups, quickly joining him, selecting their own dress up from the trolley.

Cienna picked up a princess dress up, requesting help to put on her beautiful cape.

Chris was eager to join Cienna with her princess attire, putting on the pink princess dress.

The elephants shared their laughter and smiles together whilst they tried on different outfits.

Dress-up play allows the children to dream, hope, and use their imagination. It gives the children permission to pretend to be someone or something different and extraordinary that reflects their personality and current interests and promotes more independence by allowing kids to practice self-care skills.







### Using Bubble Wrap to create A whale

After we investigated and explored Chris' new book that he bought along today, we decided to extend on his interest by exploring Whales. Whales was a big part of Chris' new book, showing he is confident and comfortable by correctly identifying the sea animals in his book.

Miss Lauren cut some bubble wrap into a shape of whale, collecting a toy whale to show the children in comparison. Each elephant was invited to the table where they were provided with the bubble wrap whale, a toy whale and some blue paint.

Continuing to focus on the children's hand eye and coordination skills, the children were provided with a paint brush to paint over their bubble wrap whale with blue paint. This also revisits the children's colour recognition.

After they painted the bubble wrap, Miss Lauren assisted each child with turning the bubble wrap over onto their paper and using it like a stamp to stamp down the coloured paint into a whale shape. The bubble wrap left a different texture of paint on the paper, allowing the children to use their curiosity as they observed the cause and effect of the bubble wrap.

Many of the children were shocked, looking at the bubble wrap and wondering why their hands didn't become dirty when pressing down on the bubble wrap. For some, this may be a new texture they haven't explored beforehand.

Most of the elephants were able to confidentially identify the sea animal, pointing to the toy whale and saying, "whale".

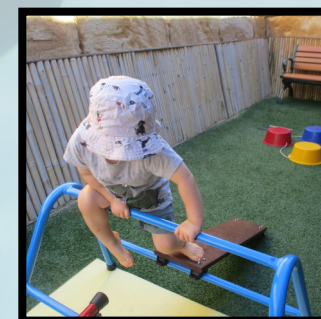
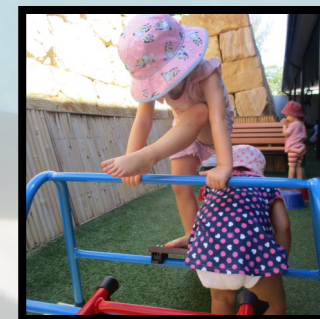
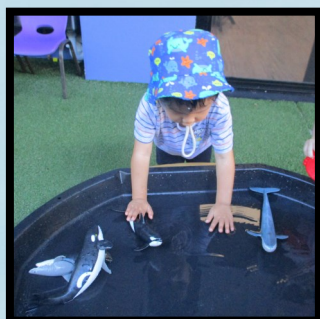


### **Underwater world – Exploring Underwater Animals**

To extend further on Chris's interest, Miss Sharnee set up an underwater inspired water play with different sea animals in the trough for the children to explore and investigate. Chris was first over to the water followed closely by his friends. The children splashed the water onto themselves and their peers laughing and having lots of fun while they explored the different sea animals. Water play is a great way for the children to develop their fine and gross motor skills, hand-eye coordination and work on their social skills.

### **Working on gross motor skills– Obstacle Course**

The obstacle course was a big hit in the yard today. The Elephants showed their confidence as they headed straight over to the obstacle course combining both gross motor and balancing skills to achieve increasingly complex body movements as they completed each different part of the obstacle course, occasionally needed a little bit of assistance. Well done Elephants.



## Our Day Sheet

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