



Welcome back to 2019!

The Melrose park children have been exploring the theme under the sea. Many of the children returned to OSHC with stories of their summer holidays spent at the beach with family and friends. This has been chosen as the students interests for the week.



The children have participated in creating their very own underwater world. On Monday they began by creating fish and turtles using blank CDs. The children experimented with patterning gems and sequins in different colours, shapes and sizes. Then using scissors, they cut legs or fins to add to the cd body of their marine creation.

Who would have thought these creative children could make puffer fish from forks? The children used forks, their fine motor skills and focus and created fork prints to create their very own puffer fish.

On Tuesday the group used baking soda, corn flour and water the children mixed together a paste and cooked it to form baking soda dough. When it was cool the children moulded the dough using their hands to create sea creatures such as star fish, shells, crabs, fish and dolphin's.

On Wednesday morning the children created fish with colourful scales much like the fish they had seen when they were snorkelling in the beautiful clear ocean. The children created the shape of scales by using celery sticks. This way they mixed colours and created very unique looking fish.



The group on Wednesday worked on taking turns and working as a team to create draw on playdough. This fun new experience encourages children to add their own designs to the white playdough. They added flowers, polka dots, stars and stripes to bring their dough to life. The children were very impressed with the colours they had created themselves.

Another favourite activity of the week was inspired by the jelly fish that wash up on the shores. The children created their own jelly fish using paper plates, cellophane, contact and streamers. These colourful jelly fish brighten up the room.

On Thursday the children learnt new tennis skills including how to volley and played a game of skittles as they develop their hand eye coordination and gross motor skills.



On Friday the children explored the beloved children's story "The Rainbow Fish" by creating their own fish using blue, pink and green play dough. The children manipulated the play dough to create the shape of a fish. Using sequins, the children choose different shapes and colours to create the rainbow scales. That afternoon the group used their fine motor skills to create foil fish and painted them using cotton tips developing their pincer grip as they completed them.