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Dear Parents/Carers of Marine Academy **Pre-School** pupils,

This term in Pre-School, we will be following the theme of '**How do I feel?**'. During this theme, the children will learn how Pre-School is a wonderful place to make new friends and to show them how amazing it is to be yourself! They will also learn all about each other and the amazing things that they can do, through the use of traditional tales and wonderful stories.



Over the term, your child will take part in guided, small-group, Themed Learning which is outlined below. They will explore:

The Ugly Duckling

- **My emotions:** Discuss how the story made them feel. How would they feel if they were the ugly duckling? Children will use mirrors to make different expressions, discussing how they feel. Can they make these expressions using playdough?
- **My family:** Did the ugly duckling look like his family? What made him special? Do you look like your family? Children create their own Bunting – using pictures from home.

Three Billy Goats Gruff

- **My friends:** Discuss how the goats worked as a team to trick the troll! In small groups, can the children work together to create a bridge so that they can get across the river? Provide large wooden building blocks and shiny blue material for the river.
- **My senses:** Set up a Three Billy Goats Gruff scene in a large activity tray using natural materials, such as mud, grass and rocks, with a container of water. The children can explore the different materials, comparing the different textures that they can feel.

Elmer

- **My Self-Portrait:** Elmer was full of colour! What colours do you need to paint your face? Children to use a range of colour paints to paint a picture of their face on paper plates.
- **My uniqueness:** Children to use their fine motor skills to create their very own Elmer. How do our Elmer's look different? Does it matter that they are not the same? What makes your Elmer special?



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Please support your child as much as you can at home by helping them to talk about and share their learning with you. If you ever have any comments or questions about your child's learning, please speak to their class teacher or email yearpreschool@marineacademy.org.uk. We're looking forward to a great year!

Yours sincerely,

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Teacher

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