

# Diamond Class Newsletter

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## OUR WOW?

Our problem to solve was "How can we return our fish back to the sea without taking it out of water? "

Each group was given a bucket of water with a plastic fish in and they had to work out how to keep the fish alive whilst designing a way for it to swim back to the sea (Mrs McAleese's padding pool). Using plastic pipes, guttering and other Playpod equipment, the groups worked collaboratively, if not competitively, to build their designs.



The challenge allowed the children to demonstrate adaptability, perseverance and resilience and they recognised this in themselves. We had a wonderful morning - everyone got wet and a change of clothes was definitely needed!

We hope to follow up this learning by exploring some of the questions that were raised by the children ....

Does water always flow downward and what is its lowest point? How can we speed /slow down the flow of water? How long can a real fish survive out of water? How does a fish breathe?

We currently need more soft furnishings for our environment so any donations of cushions, throws, rugs (all neutral colours and textures) would be gratefully appreciated Thank you

Mrs Moncrieff

