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Dear Bridgette, Jim and the rest of the REACT team,

Thank you so much for running the second week of art activities for under the sea themed *Maker Mayhem*, Capital E's school holiday programme, October 2017.

You were fabulous and easy to work with; super creative, professional, collaborative, responsive, organised, adaptable and welcoming, and you are incredibly talented artists.

The whole REACT team managed all the details of running the week long workshop really well. The selection of craft materials you supplied were varied and plentiful. You were all really friendly and approachable, and made sure to encourage shy or unsure children to participate. We particularly appreciated the way you all respected children as artists and creators in their own right, supporting the children's' own making rather than overly directing their individual activities.

It was a delight to see how proud the children were of what they were doing, and it was great to observe Bridget and Jim giving the children guidance with autonomy to take charge of the group projects like the large scale octopus and jellyfish. It was also wonderful to see how engaged and involved all the children and their families were, and how well you worked with them – a true collaboration. We had a lot of families returning on other days because they had so much fun.

Your and the children's creations looked awesome in our Christmas installation, they really added to the overall experience, and the children who came to play and who had been part of your workshops loved spotting their creations on the large reef you created on the wall.

We are really happy and impressed with the process and results you delivered. Working together with you has been a fun and enjoyable process, and we look forward to working with you again in the future.

Kind regards,

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