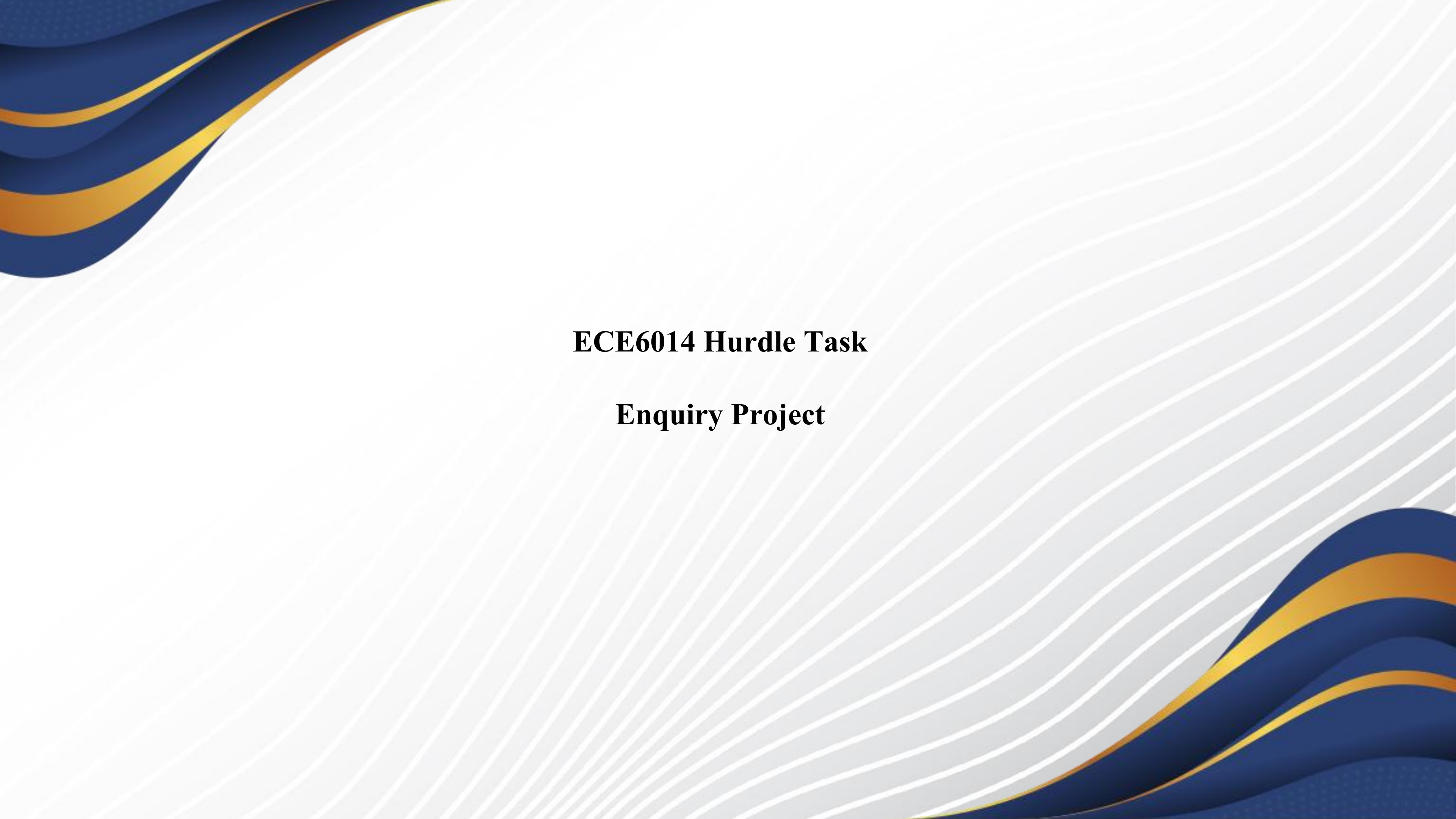




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Enquiry Project

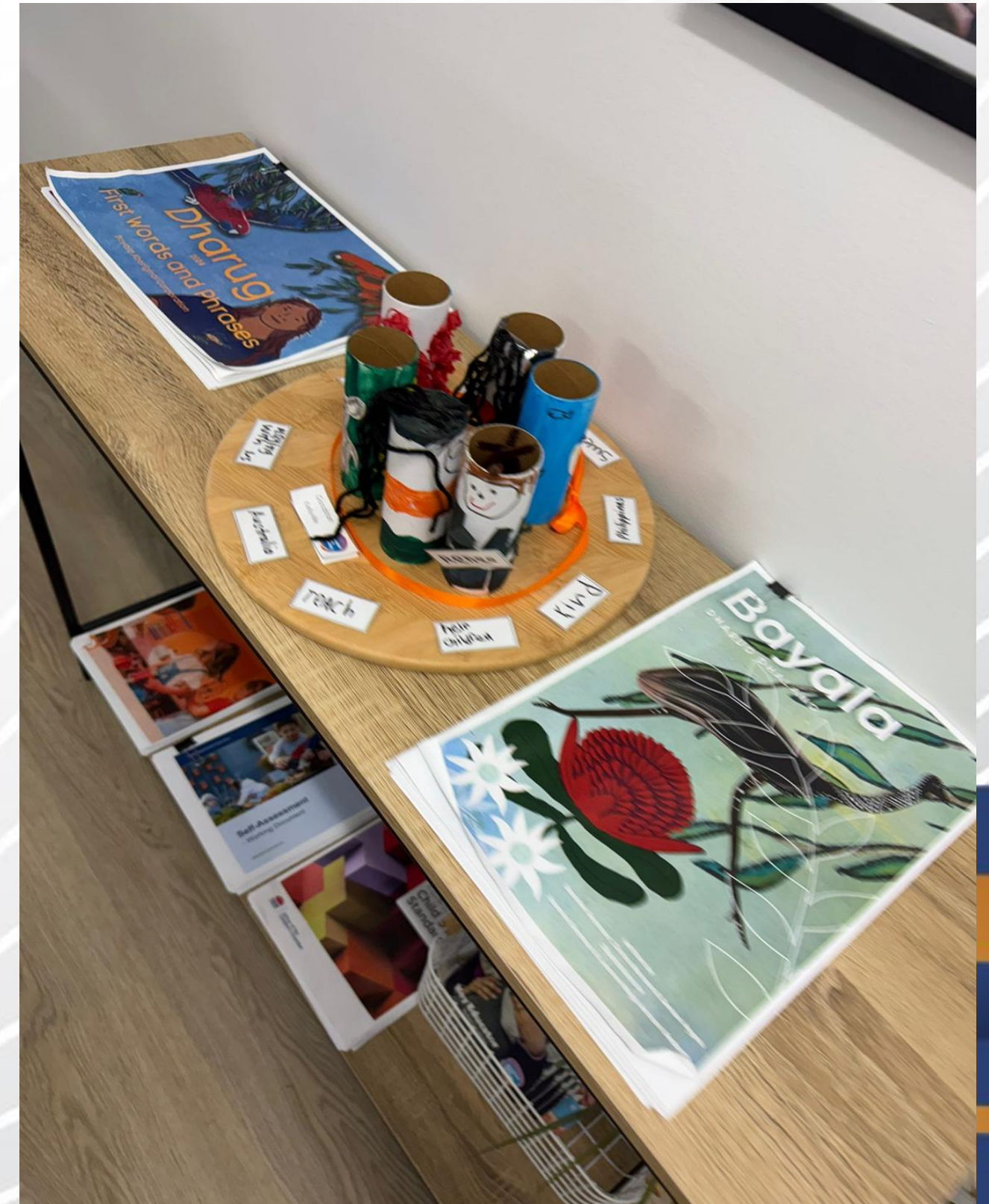


Question:

- How can I promote literacy skills in early childhood education?

Observations and Wonderings

In my early childhood education practice, I have observed that some children show little interest in books and reading activities. I noted that these children tend to not engage with storytelling sessions and struggle with letter and word recognition. This made me think about how I can improve the literacy activities I offer to young children.



Act and Do

To address these concerns, I took the following actions:

- Established a welcoming reading area in the classroom with a diverse collection of books suitable for their age, comfortable seating, and ample lighting to enhance the reading experience.
- Initiated daily storytelling sessions during which I read to the children with animated voices and engaged them through puppets and flannel boards, making the sessions lively and interactive.
- Included literacy centres with letter matching games, word puzzles, and writing with crayons on paper to promote creativity and self-discovery of letters and words.
- Engaged the children in bookmaking by illustrating and telling stories which I compiled into class books for reading together.



The Result

Over the following weeks, I observed positive changes in the children:

- Children who previously showed minimal curiosity about books began to visit the reading corner and requested storytelling sessions.
- During storytelling sessions, more children participated actively, predicting what would happen next and asking questions about the story.
- Children engaged in the literacy centers with enthusiasm, practicing letter recognition and forming words with the materials provided.
- The children took pride in their homemade books and enjoyed sharing them with their classmates and families.



What I learned

- Creating an engaging and interactive literacy environment can significantly enhance children's interest and participation in reading and writing activities.
- Daily exposure to books and storytelling helps children develop a love for literature and improves their language and vocabulary skills.
- Hands-on activities that allow children to explore letters and words in a playful manner support their literacy development.
- Involving children in creating their own books empowers them and gives them a sense of ownership over their learning.



In Future

- I will continue to prioritize literacy development in my curriculum planning and regularly update the reading corner and literacy centers with new materials and activities.
- Expand the literacy program to include more opportunities for children to write and express themselves creatively through journals and writing projects.
- Collaborate with families to encourage reading at home and provide resources for parents to support their children's literacy development.
- Seek out professional development opportunities to learn more about effective literacy strategies for young children.





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