



Home Learning



Year 1 Term 6 Week 2

Hello Australia class. As some of you may already know some children are beginning to return to school. With this in mind, the newsletter may look a little different. Each week there will be a new theme - this week is 'Under the sea'. I will then add activities that link to that theme. The activities will be the ones we will be covering in school (or a variation of) and therefore you will be able to pick activities within the theme that the whole class will be looking at, whether that be in school or at home.

As always, have a look at the recommendations as a family and pick which ones work best for you. Don't forget there are still 2d's on Purple Mash and activities on Spelling Shed and Numbots/TT Rock Stars.

English

This week you could focus on the theme of 'Under the sea'. Here are a few ideas of writing projects you could complete.

Visit a desert island [here](#). Ask your child to write a message in a bottle. What can they see, hear, feel, taste and smell? Why not roll the message up and pop it in a plastic bottle for the reading den?

Task your child with planning the perfect beach trip. Ask them to draw and label all of the things that they would pack including a picnic. Who would they take? What games would they play? How much time would they spend in the sea?

Speak to your child about all of the things that make them happy or all of the things that they're grateful for. Ask them to record these in a list.

Help your child to create a fact file about the endangered Sea Turtle. Can they find out about its appearance, its diet and its habitat? [This link](#) may help. Following this, your child could draw a detailed sketch of the Sea Turtle.

Visit the Literacy Shed for this wonderful resource on [The Lighthouse](#). Or, Your child could design a beach safety poster. What tips would they give beach-goers for staying safe at the seaside?

BBC Bitesize post daily activities for English which you may also find useful.
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/tags/zjppqp3/year-1-and-p2-lessons/1>

Reading

Here are some 'Under the sea' reading ideas.

Encourage your child to learn the rhyme 'A Sailor went to Sea, Sea, Sea'. [Click here](#) for a video of the rhyme and lyrics. Can your child perform this rhyme by heart?

Task your child with building an 'Under the Sea' themed reading den. Can they find some sea-themed books to cosy up with and share in there?

Ask your child to make a sea-themed bookmark. They could take inspiration from '[Sharing a Shell](#)' or '[The Snail and the Whale](#)'.

Your child could read a story/poem/nursery rhyme to another family member. This could be to a younger sibling before bedtime or they may wish to Facetime an elderly relative (with adult supervision of course).

Read along with '[There's a Hole in the Bottom of the Sea](#)' or listen to '[How the Whale got his Throat](#)'. Ask your child to retell one story by drawing a comic strip of the events.

If you would like more books to explore, head on over to <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page> to find their free e-book library.

Maths

Here are some additional Maths ideas.

Write the days of the week on paper and cut them up into cards. Take turns turning over the cards. If, when you turn the card, you have a day that is before or after the day shown you can say snap.

With your child, list different activities/chores they have to do throughout the day. Can they order them after making the list? Can your child sort them into the times of day each thing happens in (e.g. morning, afternoon, night etc)?

Write the months of the year on separate pieces of paper and mix them up. Can your child order them correctly?

Using a clock in your house practise telling the time with your child to the nearest hour, half hour, 15 minute intervals and 5 minutes intervals.

Ask your child to survey the family about their favourite sea creature (choose from 5). Represent the results using a tally chart or a pictogram. Which sea creature was the most popular? Which was the least popular?

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Phonics

Following the theme of 'Under the sea', here are some additional phonics ideas.

Go on a sound hunt with your child around the house/garden. They can list all of the items they can find containing the 'ea' sound. They may identify objects that contain an alternative way of spelling the 'ea' sound such as ee/y/e.

Can your child list words that they associate with the sea? Following this, ask your child to identify words that rhyme with these.

Encourage your child to practise spelling the months of the year and then use them in a sentence.

Your child could visit Phonics Play and play [Buried Treasure](#).

Ask your child to write the alphabet using capital letters. Challenge your child to write the lowercase letters too.

Head on over to this YouTube channel for some phonics lessons.
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCP_FbjYUP_UtldV2K_-niWw?fbclid=IwAR3pJh-rdJX7QhAzhz8EOpAKOOFWQJa8FAvGmczDDsInJN6z3iJz3KIRk

Topic

During this week it would be wonderful if the children could engage in some learning opportunities to learn more about life in and around the sea. Here are a few ideas of what you could do.

- Guess Who?- Ask your child to write fact cards about animals from under the sea. They can use books or websites to find out about the appearance, habitat and diet of each creature. After this, play a game of 'Guess Who?' using the cards and yes/no questions.
- Junk Modelling- Using junk or recycling materials from around the home, ask your child to design and make a Sea Turtle. Your child may wish to make another sea creature after this. Share your creations on Twitter using [#TheLearningProjects](#).
- Put Your Goggles On- Your child can visit [this website](#) and watch a live stream of a tropical reef. Whilst watching, ask them to sketch all of the animals that they can see. Remind them to look at the shapes and patterns on each creature and to include these in their sketches.
- How do Humans Affect the Sea?- Is your child aware of all of the ways that humans affect the sea and the living things within it? Talk about and investigate the impact that human beings have on the sea. Think about fishing, transport and pollution. Create a poster or information report.
- The Oceans of the World- Using an atlas or the web ask your child to identify the world's oceans. Year 1 children may need some support with this. Can they find out what animals live in each ocean? [This game](#) allows your child to practise naming and locating the oceans.



Here are some of the things that have been happening at home this week.



Zachary started off his week with a trip to Bristol harbour. He saw lots of sights on his visit. He even went past the Hippodrome, remembering our trip there last Christmas. What a great day Zachary!

Thank you to everyone who has emailed in home learning. I love receiving pictures of what everyone is up to so please keep sending them in and I will try and add as many as I can to the next newsletter. You can now send them to our new class email address australiaclass@sgmail.org.uk .