

## Topic: Under the Sea

Pre-school Curriculum Objectives	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7
<b>Story / Theme</b>	Whales	Turtles	Fish	Mermaids	Pirates	Sharks	Octopus
<b>PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Help to find solutions to conflicts and rivalries.</li> <li>Develop appropriate ways of being assertive.</li> <li>Talk with others to solve conflicts.</li> </ul>	Children to work together to make a whale with cardboard boxes and the den.  <b>Circle Time</b> 'The Whale and the Snail' story.	I Spy - hidden sea creatures in couscous.  <b>Circle Time</b> Group discussion about favourite sea creatures.	Sand play - can you work together to make a sandcastle?  <b>Circle Time</b> 'Rainbow Fish'. Discuss sharing.	Use variety of materials to form a under the sea collage or scene.  <b>Circle Time</b> 'The Singing Mermaid' .	Work together to build a pirate ship with den kit.  <b>Circle Time</b> 'The night pirates'.	Sensory bags.  <b>Circle Time</b> 'Clark the Shark'.	Shaving foam and sea creatures.  Happy and sad octopus teddy. Discuss emotions.  <b>Circle Time</b> 'Jolly Olly Octopus'.
<b>COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop their communication but may continue to have problems with irregular tenses and plurals.</li> <li>May have problems saying; some sounds r,j,th,ch and sh. Multisyllabic words.</li> <li>Be able to express a point of view and to debate when they disagree with an adult or a friend, using words as well as actions.</li> </ul>	Listen and play - under the sea. <a href="#">EYFS: Listen and Play - Under the sea - BBC Teach</a>  Whale Documentary. * <a href="#">HUMPBACK WHALE *   Animals For Kids   All Things Animal TV - YouTube</a>	Jelly bath and sea creatures - tuff tray.  Turtle documentary. <a href="#">Turtle Time!   What Sam Sees - YouTube</a>	Rainbow sensory bottles.  Rainbow smoothies.	Design your own mermaid garden - blue rice and materials.  Under the sea ice cubes.	If you were on a pirate ship where would you go on your adventure?  Story - I want to be a pirate.	Ocean soap foam and sharks.  Shark documentary. <a href="#">Sharks for Kids   Animal Learning Videos - YouTube</a>  Playdough - can you make a shark?	Octopus PowerPoint <a href="#">Octopus Information PowerPoint - Primary Resources (twinkl.co.uk)</a>  Octopus experiment.

<p><b>PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT</b> <b>Gross Motor Skills</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Match their developing physical skills to tasks and activities in the setting.</li> <li>Choose the right resources to carry out their own plan.</li> <li>Make healthy choices about food, drink, activity and tooth brushing.</li> </ul> <p><b>Fine Motor Skills</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use a comfortable grip with good control when holding pens and pencils.</li> <li>Start eating independently and learning how to use a knife and fork.</li> </ul>	<p>Can you crawl, slide, shuffle through the tunnel?</p> <p>Under the sea Yoga. <a href="#">Under The Sea Kids Yoga</a> <a href="#">Yoga Club (Week 19)</a>   <a href="#">Cosmic Kids - YouTube</a></p>	<p>Large water balls - tuff tray.</p> <p>Water guttering, and different sized containers.</p>	<p>Blue and green spaghetti.</p> <p>Rainbow smoothies.</p> <p>Jelly bath and fish.</p>	<p>Just dance under the sea. <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SH7A3NVQbY">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SH7A3NVQbY</a></p> <p>Draw around your bodies.</p>	<p>Make your own pirate flags.</p> <p>Can you make a pirate ship with lego blocks?</p>	<p>Baby shark workout. <a href="#">Baby Shark Workout   10 MIN Exercise with Baby Shark   Pinkfong Songs for Children - YouTube</a></p> <p>Walk the plank.</p>	<p>Can you create an octopus using the resources available?</p> <p>Andy's Wild workout - Octopus. <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/p06tmn51/andys-wild-workouts-series-1-1-under-the-sea">https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/p06tmn51/andys-wild-workouts-series-1-1-under-the-sea</a></p>
	<p>Playdough - use knife and fork to cut up playdough.</p> <p>Free mark making - draw a whale.</p> <p>Sensory bottles.</p>	<p>Baking soda turtle eggs.</p> <p>Buttering own crackers for snack.</p>	<p>Playdough -make a fish.</p> <p>Tweezers and sea creatures.</p>	<p>Make your own mermaid jewellery. Pasta bracelets.</p>	<p>Create a treasure map.</p> <p>Sort the gold coins and jewels.</p>	<p>Syringe paint the sea background for a shark picture.</p> <p>Stick the teeth on the shark.</p>	<p>Split pin Octopus.</p> <p>Buttering own crackers for snack.</p>
<p><b>LITERACY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use some of their print and letter knowledge in their early writing.</li> <li>Write some or all their name.</li> <li>Write some letters accurately.</li> </ul>	<p>Name cards - practice forming letters from their name.</p> <p>Blue sand and shells - can you form letters in the sand with your finger?</p>	<p>Jolly phonics.</p> <p>Magic sand - flour and baby oil</p>	<p>Find the alphabet in the water using nets.</p> <p>Whiteboards - practice writing own name.</p>	<p>Moon sand. Can you make marks? Letters?</p> <p>Mermaid alphabet flashcards.</p>	<p>Jolly phonics.</p>	<p>Can you write the letter 'S' for shark? What other letters can you write?</p>	<p>Draw and colour an octopus.</p> <p>Can you write the letter 'O' for Octopus?</p>

<p><b>MATHEMATICS</b> <b>Number</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Link numeral and amounts; for example, showing the right number of objects to match the numerals up to 5.</li> </ul> <p><b>Numerical Patterns</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Talk about and explore 2D and 3D shapes using informal and mathematical language: 'sides', 'corners', 'straight', 'flat', 'round'.</li> <li>Describe a familiar route.</li> <li>Discuss routes and locations, using words like 'in front of' and 'behind'.</li> <li>Notice and correct an error in a repeating pattern.</li> <li>Begin to describe a sequence of events, real or fictional, using words such as 'first', 'then'.</li> </ul>	<p>Whale numerals and shells.</p> <p>Under water counting. <a href="#">Learn to Count up to 10 with Underwater Counting Maths Game (topmarks.co.uk)</a></p>	<p>Dice - Roll the dice and find the numeral to match the number of dots.</p>	<p>'1,2,3,4,5 Once I Caught a Fish Alive' song.</p>	<p>5 little mermaids song.</p> <p>Mermaid numbers and shells.</p>	<p>Magnets and numbers.</p> <p>Walk the plank maths activity with the dice.</p>	<p>Numeral shark fins in water beads.</p>	<p>Large Octopus. Counting the octopus tentacles and matching to the correct numeral.</p> <p>Octopus numerals.</p>
	<p>Shape flash cards.</p> <p>Tap-tap shape pictures.</p> <p>Sea Life puzzles.</p>	<p>Shapes repeating patterns.</p> <p>Topmarks - Patterns. <a href="#">Shape Patterns (topmarks.co.uk)</a></p>	<p>Fish prepositions.</p> <p>Describe an event - did they go to the seaside? Use sequence language.</p>	<p>Use appropriate shapes to make your own mermaid picture.</p> <p>Can you make scales for the mermaids tail? What shapes do you need?</p>	<p>Treasure maps - describe a route.</p>	<p>Shark locations - put the shark behind the boat.</p>	<p>Octopus shape cutting and sticking activity. <a href="#">2D Shape Octopus Cutting Skills Worksheets (teacher made) (twinkl.co.uk)</a></p> <p>Colouring shapes.</p>
<p><b>UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue to develop positive attitudes about the differences between people.</li> <li>Plant seeds and care for growing plants.</li> <li>Understand the key features of the life cycle of plants and an animal.</li> <li>Begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things.</li> </ul>	<p>Fun facts about whales. <a href="#">Learn about Whales Fun Facts for Kids Educational Videos for Students - YouTube</a></p> <p>Talk about the whale and the snail story and how important it is to look after the sea creatures.</p>	<p>I spy - hidden sea creatures in couscous.</p> <p>Recording turtles - ICT.</p> <p>Turtle life cycle.</p>	<p>Under the sea charades - describe and guess the sea creatures.</p> <p>Sensory bottles and fish.</p>	<p>Sensory bin - sand, rocks, shells, pearls (beads).</p> <p>Water beads - search for treasure and sea creatures.</p>	<p>I spy - hidden treasure in couscous.</p> <p>Can you make your own pirate porridge?</p>	<p>Shark documentary - <a href="#">Sharks for Kids   Animal Learning Videos - YouTube</a></p> <p>Where do sharks live? What do they eat?</p>	<p>Octopus documentary - <a href="#">Octopus Facts for Kids - YouTube</a></p> <p>Interactive pirate game.</p> <p>Blue and green noodles - representing seaweed.</p>

<p><b>EXPRESSIVE ARTS AND DESIGN</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Show different emotions in their drawings and paintings.</li> <li>Sing the melodic shape of familiar songs.</li> <li>Play instruments with increasing control to express their feelings and ideas.</li> <li>Create their own songs, or improvise a song around one they know.</li> <li>Join different materials and explore different textures.</li> <li>Create closed shapes with continuous lines and begin to use these shapes to represent objects.</li> <li>Draw with increasing complexity and detail, such as representing a face with a circle and including details.</li> <li>Use drawing to represent ideas like movement or loud noises.</li> </ul>	<p>Listen to whale sounds - can you make your own whale sounds?</p> <p>Under the sea den.</p>	<p>'I Had A Little Turtle' song.</p> <p>Musical instruments.</p>	<p>Under the sea den.</p> <p>'1,2,3,4,5 Once I Caught A Fish Alive'.</p>	<p>Use materials to make your own mermaid tail.</p> <p>Under the sea den.</p>	<p>'Row, row, row your boat' with a partner.</p> <p>Can you find the pirates treasure in the sand?</p>	<p>Baby shark song/dance.</p> <p>Can you create your own shark?</p>	<p>Free mark making, draw an octopus.</p> <p>Musical instruments.</p>
	<p>Make your own whale - egg boxes.</p> <p>Sensory gel bags.</p> <p>Blow bubbles in coloured bubbly water with straws.</p>	<p>Bubble wrap painting.</p> <p>Potato masher turtles.</p>	<p>Painting rainbow fish.</p> <p>Make your own seaweed.</p>	<p>Toilet roll mermaids.</p> <p>Mermaid slime.</p> <p>Play dough - mermaid tails using small world people.</p>	<p>Print paint a pirate ship.</p> <p>Can you make a boat that floats?</p>	<p>Make your own shark fin hat.</p> <p>Paper plate sharks.</p>	<p>Bubble wrap painting for the tentacles suction cups.</p> <p>Paint your own octopus, using cheerio's for the suction cups.</p>

## Characteristics of Learning

### **Playing and Exploring**

- Do things independently that they have been previously taught.
- Bring their own interests and fascinations into early years settings. This helps them to develop their learning.
- Guide their own thinking and actions by talking to themselves while playing. For example, a child doing a jigsaw might whisper under their breath: "Where does that one go? - I need to find the big horse next."
- Make independent choices.

### **Active Learning**

- Begin to correct their mistakes themselves. For example, instead of using increasing force to push a puzzle piece into the slot, they try another piece to see if it will fit.
- Use a range of strategies to reach a goal they have set themselves.
- Keep on trying when things are difficult.

### **Creating and Thinking Critically**

- Solve real problems: for example, to share nine strawberries between three friends, they might put one in front of each, then a second, and finally a third. Finally, they might check at the end that everyone has the same number of strawberries.
- Use pretend play to think beyond the 'here and now' and to understand another perspective. For example, a child role-playing the billy goats gruff might suggest that "Maybe the troll is lonely and hungry? That's why he is fierce."
- Know more, so feel confident about coming up with their own ideas.