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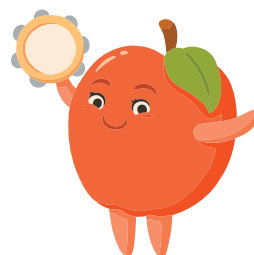
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OVERVIEW INTRODUCTION



Support the introduction of this image by filling a seaside bucket with shells and water. Ask children if they have visited the seaside. Have they put their feet in the sea?

Talk with the children about seas and oceans, e.g. about seawater being salty and about waves and tides. Explain that the Earth's surface is largely covered by sea and that the seas and oceans are very deep in places and are home to some incredible creatures and plants.

Books

- *Commotion in the ocean* by Giles Andreae
- *The rainbow fish* by Marcus Pfister
- *One is a snail, ten is a crab* by April Pulley Sayre and Jeff Sayre

Well-known songs and chants

- Over the deep blue sea
- Five jellyfish
- A sailor went to sea, sea, sea

Vocabulary

Sea, ocean, fish, rocks, seaweed, waves, shark, whale, mermaid, starfish, shell, seahorse, octopus, squid, eel, shoal, triggerfish, boat, submarine, crab, jellyfish, coral, sponge, sea anemone.





HOME LEARNING



Can you make an 'Under the sea' world? You could make a 'dry' sea world in a large cardboard box, or a water version using an old washing-up bowl or plastic ice-cream container.

Put some pebbles and shells, if you have them, on the bottom and add plastic sea creatures. If you don't have these, just cut shapes out of empty plastic containers. You could also add plants for seaweed.

Pour the water into the container very carefully. If you have blue or green food colouring, you could add a few drops to colour the 'seawater'.



STORY

Seashells for Serena

In the blue-green sea that surrounds a tiny island, you might just be lucky enough to catch a glimpse of a silvery fishtail weaving in and out of the coral reef. But this is no fish! This is Serena – a mermaid – and she's searching for treasure... not the treasure that pirates get excited about; Serena is looking for shells – tiny, pearly, coloured shells. Her big sister has a birthday very soon and a present has to be found! There are no shops on the seabed, so Serena decides to make her sister a shell necklace.

The mermaid has been searching for hours but her basket isn't nearly full enough. Suddenly she sees her friend, Octavia, a pretty little octopus, who waves at Serena with all of her eight tentacles.

"Hi, Octavia," says Serena, "I'm so pleased to see you – I need some help and you're the perfect friend to ask!" The mermaid explains about the birthday and the necklace... "With your eight tentacles you could pick up heaps of shells really quickly. Please will you help me?"

Octavia propels herself through the sea like a rocket, collecting shells from the nooks and crannies along the seabed. She travels so quickly that she wakes a shoal of triggerfish dozing in the reef, and they dart to and fro, grumbling angrily about their disturbed nap. In a few minutes, the little octopus comes back with a pile of shells, filling the basket to the brim. "Thank you, Octavia, that's wonderful – you saved the day!" says Serena, and with a flick of her silvery tail, she swims off with her treasure.

The best shells are soon threaded onto a thin piece of seaweed and Serena's big sister is delighted with her present. "That's good," said Serena, "because you might get a shell bracelet and tiara next year – I have so many shells left over!"

Sue Nicholls



SONG

Sea creatures

Melody: *Baa baa black sheep*

Melody traditional;
words Sue Nicholls

C F C G C

In the o - cean, In the wa - vy sea, Watch a big whale

G C G C G

Swim past me! Whoosh! goes the big whale, Whoosh! goes he,

C F C G C

Whoosh! goes the hun - gry whale, He wants his tea!

(Count-in: one, two, off we go now...)

In the ocean,
In the wavy sea,
Watch a big whale
Swim past me!
Whoosh! goes the big whale,
Whoosh! goes he,
Whoosh! goes the hungry whale,
He wants his tea!

In the ocean,
In the wavy sea,
Watch a big squid
Swim past me!
Swish! goes the big squid,
Swish! goes she,
Swish! goes the hungry squid,
She wants her tea!

In the ocean,
In the wavy sea,
Watch a big shark
Swim past me!
Snap! goes the big shark,
Snap! goes he,
Snap! goes the hungry shark,
He wants his tea!

In the ocean,
In the wavy sea,
Watch a big eel
Swim past me!
Wriggle! goes the big eel,
Wriggle! goes she,
Wriggle! goes the hungry eel,
She wants her tea!



SONG

The sea is stuck in a shell

Sue Nicholls

The sea is stuck in a shell, I hear it clear as a bell. The
found the shell by the pier And put it up to my ear. The

sea is splash-ing a - bout, But can the sea get out? I
sea was splash-ing a - bout, But can the sea get out? When

I am far from the sea, My shell plays mus - ic for

me. The sea can nev - er get out! It will

al - ways keep splash-ing and crash - ing and bash - ing a - bout!_____

The sea is stuck in a shell,
I hear it clear as a bell.
The sea is splashing about,
But can the sea get out?

I found the shell by the pier
And put it up to my ear.
The sea was splashing about,
But can the sea get out?

When I am far from the sea,
My shell plays music for me.
The sea can never get out!
It will always keep splashing and crashing
and bashing about!



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Making recycled soundmakers: sploshers



Use any plastic bottle and add a little water, a couple of drops of washing-up liquid and colouring. Don't overfill the bottle; leave plenty of room for the liquid to move around. You might like to superglue the tops on to avoid spillages.



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Lifeboats





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Story

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