



Message from Mrs Clark and Mrs Hammerson

Hello Nursery!

It has been lovely to see some of you back in the classroom and although it looks quite different, we have made some fantastic sea creatures and under the sea pictures and been busy enjoying the sunshine outside. We hope you are having fun at home and keeping busy with your home learning. We do enjoy seeing your photographs.



Please remember to send in any examples of work or pictures of fun activities to eynursery@lea-pri.herts.sch.uk so we can celebrate your achievements.

The government has also recommended some websites which you may find useful. We have included these at the bottom of the grid.

This week we thought we would continue to explore under the sea and enjoy reading the story of *The Singing Mermaid* by Julia Donaldson.

Personal Social and Emotional Development

Watch this story about a tortoise and a hedgehog who could not give each other a hug but learn lots of different ways of showing each other that they care.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2PnnFrPaRgY>

There are lots of ways you can show someone that you care for them. What could you do? Can you tell someone or perhaps draw a picture of your idea?

Practise the hand washing song at home.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9VjeIWLnEg>

Literacy

Phonics – d

Learn the Jolly Phonics sound and the action.

<https://vimeo.com/106231366>

This is a link to all the Jolly Phonics sounds. They are in alphabetical order and you can find the d song 1.08 minutes in.

Geraldine the Giraffe finds things in her house that start with the d sound. You can watch her here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=65b3vEfskZ4>

Can you also find some things in your house which start with the d sound?

You may want to have a look at the Phonics Wizards on BBC Bitesize. You can practise some of the phonic sounds (including the d sound) here:

Communication and Language

Share some information together about sea creatures. There is lots of information on this website and you can choose which animals you want to find out about. Which is your favourite? Can you describe the sea creatures you like?

<https://www.visitsealife.com/london/discover/sea-life-creatures/>

Maths

Look at this under the sea picture and practise your counting. Do you know the names of all the sea creatures?



How many of the different sea creatures can you find?

As a challenge you could also try this colour and count sheet. Choose a different colour for each sea creature and then count how many there are. Can you write the numerals in the boxes? Alternatively, you could show a grown up the number using your fingers. It looks like this:



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zf2yf4j/articles/zk3947h>

Can you blend some of the sounds together like they do at the end of the clip?

Please continue to practise all the sounds and actions we have learnt so far!

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Reading

Listen to the story of *The Singing Mermaid*. Here is an online version:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KznvI5gnvQ>

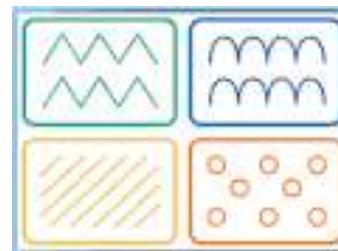
Can you spot some rhyming words?

Writing

You could also try some 'under the sea' mark making. It is a great way to make patterns (like waves or seaweed) or practise your writing. You will need a shallow container like a tray or shoe box lid and then add a thin layer of salt, rice or sand. You can use your finger, a pencil or a stick to make marks.



Here are some patterns you may want to copy:



Whilst you are drawing, painting, making marks or writing your name, remember to hold your pencil correctly.



Understanding the World

Try an experiment with water at home to discover which objects float or sink. Gather together a group of different objects, e.g. key, pebble, feather, lego block, leaf, ball, pine cone, crayon etc. You may want to see if you can predict what you think will happen like in this picture:



Physical Development

Practise your fine motor skills by carefully adding colour to this picture of the Singing Mermaid. It is attached and looks like this:



Can you retell the story?

Also, please see the writing activity to practise your mark making.

Expressive Arts and Design

Listen to the Under the Sea song from The Little Mermaid.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GC_mV1lpjWA

Can you dance or add your own actions to the song? Perhaps you can move like a sea creature. If you have some musical instruments at home you could also add your own music.

Alternatively, you could make a simple shaker. You can use any container (e.g. a plastic bottle or a crisp tube) and fill it with anything that makes a noise (e.g. rice, lentils, buttons etc).



You could also decorate the outside with paper, perhaps adding your own drawings.

Tropical Fish Craft



Have a go at making a paper plate tropical fish. You could use tissue paper, paint, foil, wrapping paper or cut up some magazines to decorate it. If you don't have a paper plate you could decorate a piece of paper or card.



Daily basic skills

Practise the jolly phonics sounds and actions for all the sounds we have learnt so far. You could have a go at writing some of them if you want!

s a t i p n m c e g o f

Practise counting every day. Count as you come down the stairs, count the flowers or stones in your garden or the plates around your dinner table.

You could choose a number for the week to practise counting to, writing or finding!

Online Learning

- Education city- use individual log ins to access set work

<https://www.educationcity.com/>

- Stories to share

<https://www.worldbookday.com/big-little-book-corner>

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/storyteller-videos/storyteller-videos-traditional-tales/>

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/storyteller-videos/storyteller-videos-julia-donaldsons-songbirds/>

- Nursery rhymes

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/nursery-rhymes-a-to-z-index/z4ddgwx>

- Phonics play

<https://new.phonicsplay.co.uk>

While schools are closed, you will be able to access all the phonics games and resources on this website.

Use the following to log in:

Username: march20

Password: home

focus on phase 1 and phase 2 activities

New websites:

- Activities and ideas for children from 0-5. Contains a list of apps which may be of interest.

<https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/>

- A collection of activities to do with children

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people>

Take a look at the activities for 3-4 year olds

- Stories and activities <https://literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/birth-4/>