



Apple Tree Class

Summer 2 Topic Letter - Under the Sea

During this topic we will be reading lots of stories, including *The Rainbow Fish* and *Sharing a Shell*.
We have an exciting trip planned to visit *Farmer Gows*.

Literacy

N - We will be listening to stories and joining in with repeated refrains. We will be talking about the stories. We will be encouraging children to tell us about the marks they make as they paint and draw.
R - We will be re-telling the stories we hear through writing and role-play. We will be talking about stories and facts.

Numeracy

N - We will be focusing on counting and number recognition during this topic. We will also be sequencing events in order.
R - We will be focusing on problem solving during this topic, including doubling, halving and sharing. We will also be looking at o'clock times on the clock.

Home Learning Ideas:

- There are some excellent clips on BBC education about *Under the Sea*.
- Find out some facts about creatures that live in the sea.
- See if your child can help you share some objects out at home.
- Visit the library for some new books!
- Share some o'clock times with your child
- See what numbers your child can recognise when you are out and about!

Expressive Arts and Design

N&R - there will be lots of opportunities for dancing, singing, arts and role play. We will be creating a Beach Role Play together.

N=nursery age
R=reception
(school age)



The Little Mermaid Song

The seaweed is always greener
In somebody else's lake
You dream about going up there
But that is a big mistake
Just look at the world around you
Right here on the ocean floor
Such wonderful things surround
you
What more is you lookin' for?

Under the sea
Under the sea
Darling it's better
Down where it's wetter
Take it from me
Up on the shore they work all day
Out in the sun they slave away
While we devotin'
Full time to floatin'
Under the sea

Down here all the fish is happy
As off through the waves they roll
The fish on the land ain't happy
They sad 'cause they in their bowl
But fish in the bowl is lucky
They in for a worsen fate
One day when the boss get hungry
Guess who's gon' be on the plate?
Repeat Chorus

Songs and Rhymes

Here are some of the songs
we will be singing this topic...

Five Crabs

Five cranky crabs were digging on the
shore.
One swam into a net and then there
were four.
Four cranky crabs were floating in the
sea.
One got tangled up in seaweed then
there were three.
Three cranky crabs were wondering
what to do.
One dug a deep, deep hole. Then there
were two.
Two cranky crabs were warming in the
sun.
One got scooped up in a cup. Then
there was one.
One cranky crab was smarter than his
friends.
He hid between the jagged rocks.
That's how the story ends.



Whale Song

Sung to: "I'm a little teapot"
I'm a humpback whale,
I'm very strong.
I leap about
And sing a song.
I like to eat my fill
In the Northern Sea.
But in the winter,
South I flee.
I am a beluga,
I'm all white.
From head to tail
I'm quite a sight.
You can hear me singing
Way up north,
Playing and swimming
Back and forth.
I'm a mighty orca
Black and white.
In the sea
I'm a beautiful sight.
I'm not very big,
But I am sleek.
I hunt for my food
Cause I have teeth.