

The Orchard - Commotion in the Ocean!

Please do not let the secrets out the bag and hold back from telling your child what stories we will be reading together!

Weeks 1: Under the Sea.

We will be looking at the key text of 'Commotion in the Ocean' by Giles Andreae and David Wojtowycz. We will look at the different poems and creating actions to match the words for the different sea animals. We will be visiting Brighton Sealife centre and then using that as inspiration to find out what the children would like to find out more about. We will be looking at the illustrations from 'Swimmy' by Leo Linni and 'The Rainbow Fish' by Marcus Pfister to help inspire our own ocean art to display in our class gallery.

Week 4: The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch.

We will be carrying out an outdoor investigation into how to transport objects safely across the ocean to the Lighthouse Keeper. We will examine examples of healthy eating choices for lunch and make our own class picnic, making sure we practise our cutting, and spreading skills. We will look at different occupations related to life by the sea such as fisherman, marine biologist and lifeguard.

Weeks 2+3: Seas and Oceans

We will be looking at non-fiction 'Fact Cat' books to learn about food chains and explore the difference between seas and oceans. We will begin to investigate in greater depth the children's own particular areas of interest. We will use the Ipads and computing suite to produce a fact page about our chosen sea creature. We will then collate them to make into a class book. We will be creating our own class multiple choice quizzes to test out each other's knowledge.

Weeks 5: Deep Sea Diary.

We will look at the features of a diary by looking at the picture fiction work of Simon Bartram. We will create a diary for a typical school week examining mathematical language related to time. We will be looking at how to make our writing more appealing to a reader by using different punctuation and presentational styles.

