



UNDER THE SEA



Commotion in the ocean

Read or listen to Giles Andreas wonderful rhyme 'There's a Commotion in the Ocean' about creatures that live under the sea. There are many other lovely books about living under the sea to explore too, such as 'Tiddler' by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler. If your local library has reopened make time for a visit to see what books you can find on ocean life.



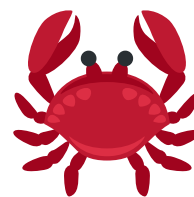
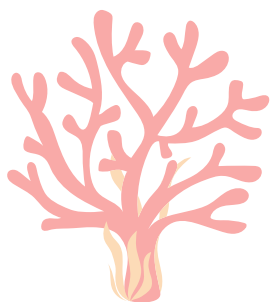
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CL

EAD

UW



KEY

CL = Communication and language

EAD = Expressive arts and design

UW = Understanding the world

PSED = Personal, social and emotional development

M = Mathematics

PD = Physical development





Little mermaid live

Watch and join in as Shaggy performs as Sebastian singing 'Under the Sea' from 'The Little Mermaid Live' show.

What sea creatures can you see? Why does Sebastian think living under the sea is better than on land? The original Disney animation is also available to watch on You Tube and this version includes the lyrics so you can sing along too.



- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RO0HfBGTGOg>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fkusy4ylhiY>



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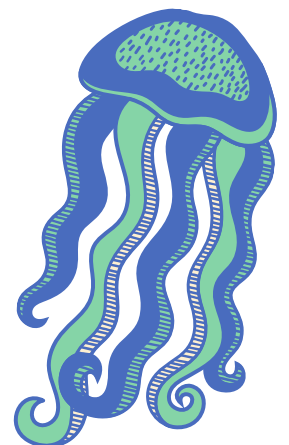
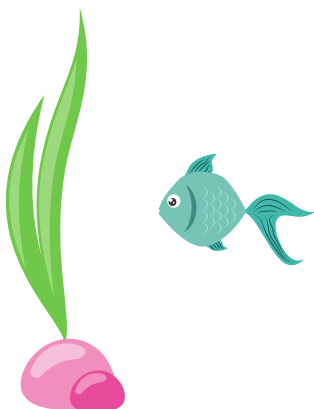
Under the sea dance

Fancy dancing like a starfish or merperson, or swishing your tail and fins like a fish? Use this video to get you started or, better still, create your own dance!



- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=24JS0gjS5RM>

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Coral reef exploration

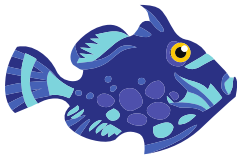
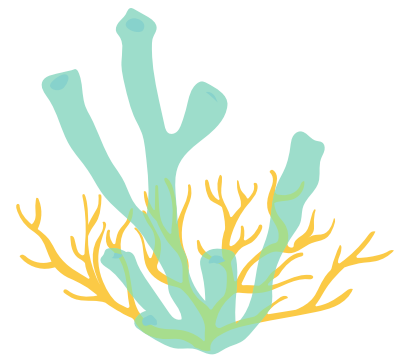
Experience a real-life coral reef as the underwater cameras take you on a magical journey. Do you know the names of any of the types fish or other sea creatures that you see? Order books from your local library or research on the internet to help you identify some of them. The accompanying soundtrack is sure to calm and relax you.



- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cC9r0jHF-Fw>



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Visit an aquarium

Do you have an aquarium near you that you can visit? There are Sealife Centres and Blue Reef Aquariums across the country that you can now visit, and many garden centres also have aquarium sections which are completely free. The big aquariums are often also conservation centres and have opportunities for hands on experiences and useful information on their websites.



- <https://www.visitsealife.com/>
- <https://www.blureeafaquarium.co.uk/>

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Create an ocean

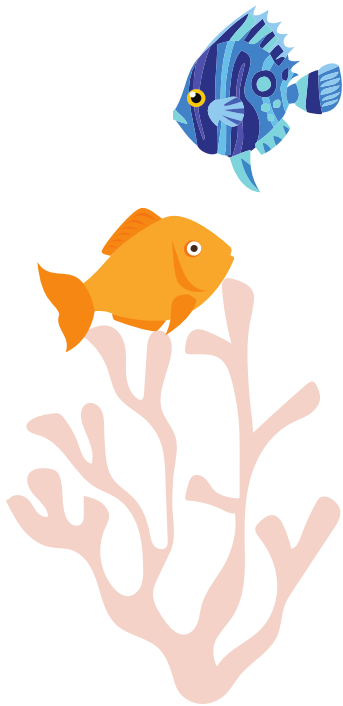
Now you know what under the sea looks like can you create your own seascape or aquarium!

Paint card, add tissue paper and coloured netting or other fabrics for your sea and seaweed. Use rocks and shells or other props, including small world sea creatures to add to your display. Garden centres are often a good source for these.

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You can make a miniature sea scene in a shoe box or egg carton or create a cosy sea cave with a big cardboard box or go big and cover the whole floor (and walls and ceiling!!) of your playroom.

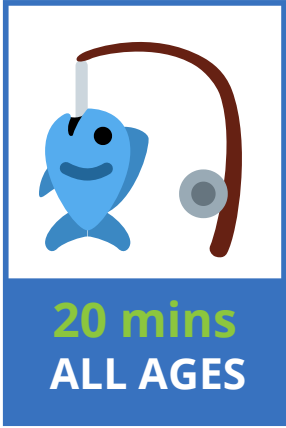


Now create your inhabitants. Younger children will enjoy swirling paint or sticking colourful paper onto templates of fish shapes, whilst older children can make their own shapes and decorate. Paper plates are a useful resource for making jelly fish or an octopus. Egg cartons can become anemones or crabs. If using a shoe box or other lidded container fish can be hung on string to dangle down.

Create fishy costumes or a mერთail and you can be part of the ocean too... These don't need to be complicated. Pieces of fabric make great tails or tentacles; an umbrella can be a jellyfish - get creative!



- <https://www.artycraftykids.com/craft/sea-crafts-kids/>
- <https://www.playideas.com/25-incredible-under-the-sea-crafts-for-kids/>
- <https://redtri.com/aquatic-art-projects/>
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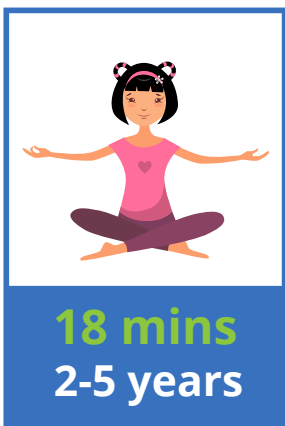
Go fishing

Create or buy a magnetic fishing game. This helps children develop coordination skills, learn about magnetism and understand about turn-taking. Add numbers to the fish to help mathematical development. Another good game for learning number and coordination is 'Floundering': a fishy version of the traditional Build a Beetle game, but it is no longer made so only available second hand via sites such as Ebay. You could make your own version though.



- <https://artfulparent.com/diy-fishing-game-fort-magic-giveaway/>
- <https://www.naturalbeachliving.com/diy-magnetic-fish-game/>

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Under the sea yoga

Kinderly in association with Yogadoo presents Yoga under the Sea. Sit down, get comfortable and follow these simple stretches designed to help children with their physical development, body awareness and relaxation!



- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=91nkldoCYTU&app=desktop>

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