

Creative Activities

Week 2 Under the sea

Make a rainbow fish by weaving coloured paper in and out of a cardboard template.



Make and decorate your handprints and fasten onto a lollipop stick to make some fish puppets.



Use scissors to cut a cardboard roll to make an octopus or a crab.

Practice holding scissors in one-hand to snip.

Can you make 2 eyes?

Can you count the tentacles on your octopus?

Get creative in the kitchen.

Tuna fishcakes



Ingredients

1 tin of tuna
2 large potatoes
50g frozen peas

Utensils

Tin opener
Fork
Potato masher
Potato peeler
knife

Let your child help to peel and cut the potato into small chunks. Put in a pan to cook. When the potato has been drained and cooled let them use a potato masher to mash the potato until it is smooth. Mix the tuna in with a fork and mould into fish shapes. Put out 3 bowls of flour, beaten egg and breadcrumbs. Dip the fishes in each bowl to coat. Cook in the oven on a tray for 25 minutes at 180 degrees. Serve with peas.

Talk about what tuna is and where it comes from. Afterwards ask your child if they can remember how to make fishcakes. Can they name the ingredients and utensils?

Numeracy Activities

Sing 1,2,3,4,5, once I caught a fish alive.



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9ir_l7qTiZ4 Here is a safe link.

Make a magnetic fishing game. Put numbers 1-5 or 1-10 on paper fish with a paperclip attached. Use a magnet to pick up different numbers such as 'find number 3' or 'find the number that is 1 more than 3' to make it more challenging.



Write numbers on cups and see if your child can put the correct number of objects in each pot. This helps your child to match numerals to sets and is good practice for 1-1 counting.



Divide your shells, pebbles or toy fish into 2 sets. Can you compare the 2 sets? Which one has more/fewer? Can you count how many altogether?

Shape, Space and Measure Activities



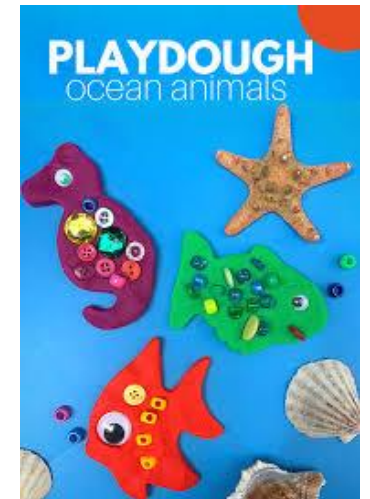
Pour some water in a shallow tray, add small, differently shaped containers for your child to explore capacity.

Use language such as full, empty, half full, more, less. See if your child can compare 2 containers. 'Which one contains the most? Least?'



Use scissors to cut out shapes from coloured paper to make sea creatures. Encourage your child to hold the scissors one-handed to snip the paper.

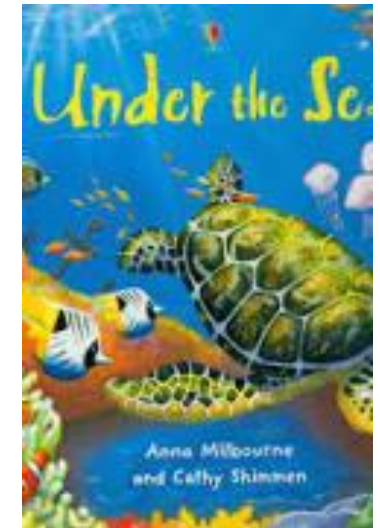
Make some easy playdough by mixing 1 cup of flour and half a cup of water and a drop of food colouring. Let your child help to measure the ingredients. See if you can make sea creatures then decorate them. Encourage your child to roll, squish, squeeze and flatten the playdough with their fingers. This helps to strengthen all the muscles in the fingers and hands.



Literacy Activities

Letter focus 'c' and 'k'

- Help your child to sort objects or pictures beginning with 'c' and 'k' such as key and cup.
- Play letter sound lotto. Match a letter to an object.
- Make a paper kite and have a go at writing letter k on it
- Practice writing 'c' Always start at the top when writing letter c.



Look at fiction and non-fiction books with your child. Explain that we get information from non-fiction books. What can you find out about sea creatures in the ocean?