



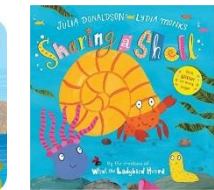
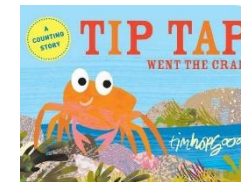
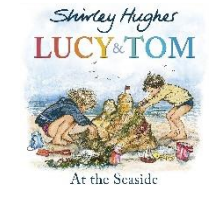
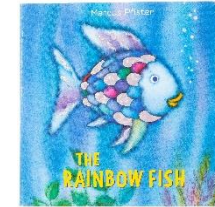
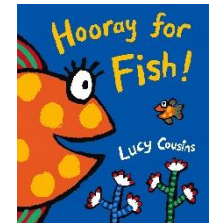
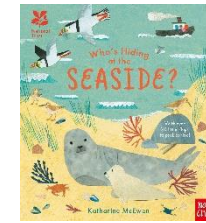
The beach

About Our Topic

How Many pebbles on the beach? Which creatures live beside the sea?

This half term we will be looking at these questions and many more in our topic about the sea and the seashore. We will be looking at all the different features of this environment and how to look after it. We will learn about the features of crabs, fish, seabirds and other sea creatures. Explore floating and sinking with natural and man-made beach items. We will have a range of seaside themed books, songs and poems and practice writing in the sand.

To spark the children's imagination, we will have lots of marine life toys and will be setting up a play ice-cream shop with the children. We will be looking at different artists to see how they use beach artifacts to create wonderful pictures then having a go ourselves. To get our bodies moving we are going to be finding out how to move like different sea creatures like crabs and maybe even jelly fish! Using our mathematical skills, we will be comparing the size of different shells, stones and fish. Making patterns with them and catching them in nets to count.



Key Vocab (we will be sharing with the children)

Words	Meaning
The seashore	The land along the sea.
Rock pools	Shallow pools of seawater on the rocky part of the seashore. They are habitats for many sea creatures like crabs and
Ocean	A body of salt water that covers over two thirds of the surface of the earth.
Gills	Fish use gills to breath

Activities to bring the topic alive at home

- If you can visit a nearby beach, taking a stroll along the shore and see if you can find any shells or sea glass. If there is a rock pool what can you find in there.
- Feel the different stones, looking at the shapes and sizes.
- Look at photographs of trips to the beach, talking about what you saw and did on your visit.
- Have a sand castle competition, which sand works best dry or wet?



A surprise for the children - We are going to be planning a trip to the beach. We will need adult helpers. More information soon.