



Buckinghamshire Family Learning



Keep in Touch with Family Learning

Did you know that 70% of the Earth's surface is covered by oceans? This week we are taking you under water to explore the sea creatures in our oceans.

Some ideas for all ages ...

Share a book

[Commotion in the Ocean](#) is a really fun book all about the sea creatures found in the ocean—do you have a favourite? [Mister Seahorse](#) is a lovely book written and illustrated by Eric Carle (The Hungry Caterpillar) exploring how the male sea horse carries the baby seahorses. What do you know about how sea creatures live? Do you know which is the largest ocean?

Busy Fingers

[Make a sea creature](#) using a paper plate or cut some recycled cardboard into a circle and make holes around the edges of your circle. Count to see how many tentacles an octopus will need. Use some ribbon or string as the tentacles. Or how about making a shark—how many varieties of sharks do you know? Think about the vocabulary used and how different sea creatures can be described: scales, fins, tentacles are just some of the words that can be used to talk about sea creatures.



Time to sing and move

Do you know the [baby Shark dance](#)? Get moving to the music and make sure you move your arms in a really big way when it's Daddy and Mummy Shark! This is the long version so plenty of opportunity for movements and running away from the sharks!

Explore!

Time to get wet! You can try this in the bath or if you have a container outside explore the water. Find objects from around your home to work out which float and which sink in the water. Make your own bubble mixture and blow bubbles like a fish does underwater—how much breath do you need to blow lots of bubbles?

Useful Websites of the Week

[The National Geographic](#) have some amazing pictures of the oceans to look at.

[BBC Children's radio](#) have a lovely story, games and adventure under the sea.

New Online Workshops with Family Learning

During **July and August** try one of our story workshops. While your child enjoys a story, activities and songs, you can find out how this helps your child's development.

Little Pirates: Text Wendy 07768 044813

Jasper's Beanstalk: Text Sarah 07739 880400

Dragon's Breath : Text Iva 07710 145234

Polar Bear What Can You Hear: Text Karen 07983 563240

Text us to find out dates. (with your name & workshop)

