



# Under the sea!

## Curriculum letter year 1: Mrs Roberts

### English

This half term we will be:  
reading and acting out stories of from the sea,  
Writing about characters and making up stories of under the sea creatures, mermaids and pirates.  
Mastering writing a sentence, regularly using full stops, capital letters, spaces and working on our handwriting.  
Our Phonics focus is going to be on learning sight words and recapping all sounds and using them to read and write more complex words.

### Maths

We are consolidating our subtracting of adding and subtracting numbers to 10.  
Also learning all number bonds to 10 and 1 more and 1 less to 10.  
Then we will be learning numbers to 20, to read, write and order to 20 and learn 1 more and 1 less to 20.  
Looking at shapes: sorting into 2D and 3D. Straight or curved sides, how many side and edges. Looking at 3D shapes and taking about the shape of the faces 3D shapes have.

### Topic

Our topic is 'Under the Sea'.  
We will be learning about sea creatures. We will be having a visit from the Manx wildlife trust who will tell us about the creatures in the Manx shores and how to help keep them stay safe (by reducing pollution/rubbish).  
We will be using our imagination to make pictures and stories of pirates and mermaids and go on our own pirate treasure hunt.

We will look at what the oceans and seas are called around the world and locate them on maps. We will consider the types of creatures that live in the sea in different places and the temperature of the sea in different parts of the world.



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### How can You Help

For our topic 'Under the sea' it would be really helpful if you could:

Visit a seaside, collect shells and sea glass to share with the class and think about what the seaside is like.

You might choose to go rock pooling with your child or fossil hunting on the beaches.

Scarlett beach is a great place to visit for both rock pooling and fossil hunting.

You might want to try to spot some of our sea creatures around the Isle of Man:

The best place to see seals is down at the Sound, between the Island and the Calf of Man, often hauled up on Kitterland. Other great places to spots seals include Langness, Maughold head, and the Point of Ayre.

Minke whale: Off the west coast, often a couple of miles offshore, in the summer. The east coast, especially Laxey and Bulgham bays in winter.

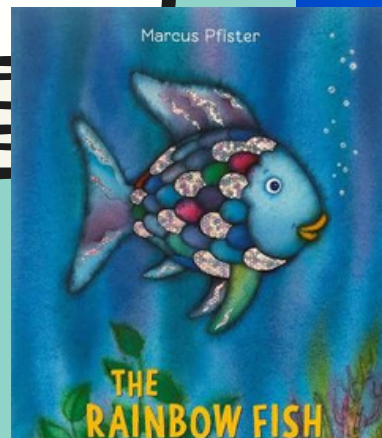
Basking sharks: Between May and August basking sharks feed on plankton blooms and mate and give birth around our waters. Although they can be seen all round the island, the stretch from Peel on the West coast, down to the Calf of Man is where they can most reliably be found. They can be seen from the shore, especially from spots like Peel Castle, Niarbyl, Port Erin and the Sound

Porpoise: The inshore waters off Kallow Point in Port St Mary are a real hotspot

Bottlenose dolphins: Large groups off the east coast in the winter months

Please read every night at home as this is really making a huge difference to your child's attainment in school and look at the sight words and sounds we are learning together.

- Important items for school
- Water bottle
  - Fruit/veg snack (no nuts please)
  - Reading record book, and reading book
  - PE Kit
  - Please ensure all clothing is named.
  - Forest school kit (wellies)



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