

Under the Sea

Each week we will be choosing a book on the topic of the sea. We will provide a selection of activities you can choose from throughout the week. Don't worry if you don't own the books as we will provide a link to YouTube of the story being read aloud.

This week's book is *The Snail and the Whale* written by Julia Donaldson.



[Click here](#) to watch the story being read on Youtube.

Reading

Task 1:

Read these [Slugs and snails](#) fact sheets and discuss them with a grown up.

Task 2:

There is a lot of rhyming in the story.

Can you find the rhyming words?

Can you find other words which rhyme with them?

Task 3:

A rock is described as being 'as black as soot'. This is a simile.

Can you find more in the story?

Can you make up your own similes, or find others in different books?



Writing

Task 1:

Write an acrostic poem about snails. You can use this [Twink template](#) if you want to.

Task 2:

What do you already know about snails/whales?

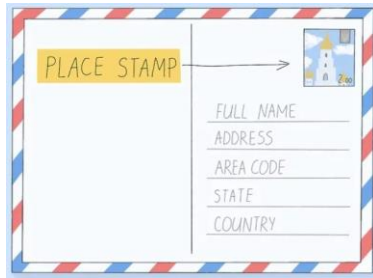
Make a spider diagram with all the facts you already know.

Can you use books or the internet to add some more interesting facts?

Task 3:

Write a postcard pretending to be the snail from the story to send back to all the snails on the rock.

Tell them all about your amazing adventures with the whale!



Task 4:

There are lots of adjectives and other descriptive words in the story which describe different things. Can you find them all?
Could you make a poster which shows what they are?

Task 5:

Imagine that you had to write a newspaper report about the people (and the snail) who saved the whale.
What would it say?

Topic

Task 1:

Each week we will give you a science experiment to try! The first week is the [Floating Egg experiment](#).
Let us know how you get on with these!



Task 2:

Can you draw your own seaside picture?

Can you draw a picture of what lives under the sea?

Task 3:

The whale sang a song to the snail.

Could you write the words to the song, or make up a tune for it?

Task 4:

The human activity makes the humans swim too close to the shore.

Can you find out when this might have happened to real whales in the past?

Discuss what we might be able to do to stop it from happening again.

Task 5:

Even though the snail is small, he helps to save the whale. Think about your abilities. Is there anything that you thought you couldn't do, but you managed to when you tried?

