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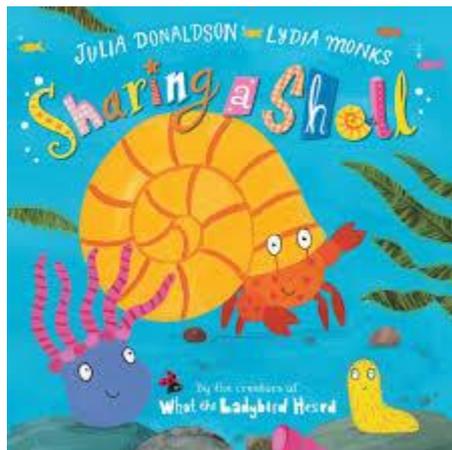
Sensory



Learners

We have put together a selection of ideas for our more sensory learners related to our topic 'Under the Sea'

Please use these either as additional activities to our weekly plan if you are looking for other play-based ideas or feel free to swap activities from the plan for these if they are better suited to your child's learning style.



This week we are looking at the book Sharing a Shell by Julia Donaldson. It can be found here on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l42fh58uGoY>

Useful links from YouTube:

Animals in the Ocean song

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6-xqosckJ5c>

The Little Mermaid – Under the Sea

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GC_mV1lpjWA

A Hole in the Bottom of the Sea song

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R1Qn2bcZRT0>

Makaton – Under the sea topic signs

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MuaVjCNUQ9A>

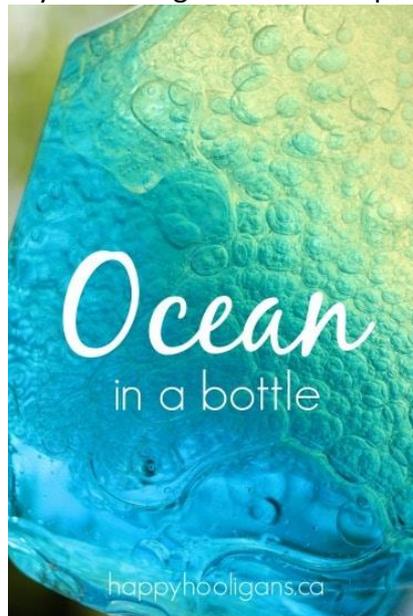
Activity 1: Blue Shaving Foam – add a few drops of blue food colouring or paint to shaving foam. Add in any fish toys or shells or stones that you may have. Use simple words to describe how it feels/smells – slimy, squishy, fruity etc...



You could also do this with blue tissue paper instead of shaving foam if you have any at home.

It is also really interesting to repeat this activity but freeze the shaving foam after it has been coloured and put into a tray. It is a completely different texture and will give the opportunity to explore things changing state as it begins to thaw.

Activity 2: Ocean in a bottle – You can use any clear bottle at all for this. If you have an empty mouthwash bottle these are particularly good as often they have a child proof lid. If using a bottle with an ordinary lid it is a good idea to superglue the lid or tape it shut.



Add water and food colouring to a bottle. Shake to mix. Add vegetable oil and secure the lid.

Activity 3: Under the Sea spaghetti – boil the spaghetti until it is nearly cooked. Add the blue food colouring and let it boil for a couple more minutes until cooked. Adding a tiny bit of vegetable oil after it has been drained will make it less sticky to play with.



Activity 4: You may have some playdough already at home or you could make some using the recipe below. Adding glitter makes it nice and sparkly but isn't essential. Use anything sea related that you already have at home like shells, stones, glass beads or toy fish to press into the playdough.



Playdough Recipe – Add 2 cups flour, ½ cup salt, ¼ cup Cream of Tartar (stops it from being sticky), 2 cups of water, 2 tablespoons of oil, blue food colouring, glitter (optional) into a non-stick pan and cook stirring continuously until it becomes a firm ball. Remove from the heat and when cooled slightly knead it a little. Leave to cool completely and it's ready to play with. It will keep in a container or a sealed bag in the fridge for several weeks.

Here is a no cook playdough recipe which is good but doesn't last as long. Take care with the boiling water too!

<https://theimaginationtree.com/best-ever-no-cook-play-dough-recipe/>

Activity 5: Coloured salt writing or drawing tray - Take about 1 cup of salt and mix it with a small amount of gel food colouring in a sealed zip loc bag, shaking it and mixing the colour through with your fingers (through the plastic) until it has completely covered it.

Do not add any water. Then tip it out into the tray and it should dry very fast and be ready to use within an hour.



Practise drawing shapes and patterns such as circles, lines and zig zags or you could try letters and numbers too.

NB: Avoid this activity if your child is likely to eat it. You could use coloured rice or sand instead.

Activity 6: Hand print crabs – print the crabs and then stick on some googly eyes or draw them on!



Can you make any other sea creatures out of hand prints? How about fish or a jellyfish?