English (more ideas)

Reading

Colourful semantics - make sentences about pictures in the story.

Sensory Story

Massage Story

Phonics

Sound of the week

Fishing for letters / sounds / words

Feed the whale with the sound of the week

Phonics fairy for the sound of the week

Writing

Write a letter to Emily or Greenpeace, make an envelope and write the address, buy a stamp at the post office, post the letter.

Make a save the whale poster

Write a list

Mark making in salt, water, on windows

Name the whale and label

Communication

Sensory bags with fish in to touch and explore - learn signs for the animals inside - PECS to say 'I see'.

Colourful semantics

Attention Building activities

Walking to the post office.

cheerios onto octopus legs

Cosmic Yoga—under the sea

What to do when you're lost

Pack for a trip to the seaside

Intensive Interaction

Role play around the story—set up a post office in the classroom

PE—move like different animals (crab, whale, dolphin, shark...)

Swimming, soft play, outdoor learning (stuck in the ocean game)

Our World (more ideas)

Computing

Purple mash under the sea activities.

Research on whales – where they live, what they eat, size—create a poster

Top marks, reading eggs, learning games online

Forest School

Make a pond for the whale

Make fishing rods

Exploring animal habitats

Science

Floating and sinking experiments

Dissolving coloured salt into water

Learn about how to look after our seas and the animals that live under the sea. Watch 'Blue Planet'

Animal diets

Cooking

Making sandwiches following a recipe

Tasting different fish (tuna, makerel pate, smoked salmon)

Sushi making

Fish and chips

Humanities

Researching whales on the internet

Make a large whale and other creatures from the sea, label where they live, what they eat etc.

Find your way around school using visuals (whales don't get lost)

WOW! (more ideas)

Visit the fish at Scotsdale's

Visit pets at home

Restaurant outing to taste different fish Pond dipping

Dear Greenpeace



Theme: Conservation

Creativity (more ideas)

Art

Paper plate goldfish bowl

Blow paint to make water spurt from whale blowhole

Make a giant ocean using varied blue/green materials

Painting on tin foil

Music

Play the beaded water drum

Sea shanties

Counting songs

Play instruments along to 'Under the Sea' from Little Mermaid

Listen to whale song and experiment with instruments to recreate the sound

DT

Make sensory water bottles - add glitter, sequins, pipe cleaners and fish.

Make homes for different animals

Build a fish tank

Creative Arts

Colours of Dance and Castle School Choir

PSHE (more ideas)

Self-Awareness

Learn about sustainable fishing and taking care of animals in the sea.

Helping others.

Managing Feelings

Explore how the whale and Emily are feeling—use visual symbols

What can we do when we feel happy, sad, excited, hurt, tired etc

***Please also see: PSHE EDUCATION PLANNING FRAMEWORK

Maths (more ideas)

Number

Fishing—use rods to catch fish with different numbers on them—practise number recognition. Can you feed the fish the correct number of food flakes to correspond to the number on the fish?

Feed the whale to practice rote counting - match with numicon.

Fish out numicon from the water and match them to the number of fish.

Use paddling pools to teach capcity and volume – How much water does the whale need.

Play with different shaped parcels and envelopes to teach the properties of 2d and 3d shapes.

Hide objects in salt / sand—notice things exist even when out of sight

Make groups of fish/whales —addition and subtraction—how many in each group, add/take away 1 item, compare groups (who has more/less)

Shape, Space and Measure

Make mermaid necklaces - fine motor skills, threading pasta onto string.

Categorising animals e.g. sea living / land living

Exploratory play with different sized animals (compare size difference)

Quantities—full and empty, too big or too small

Positional language—whale hide and seek

Sorting fish by colour

Under the sea puzzles, posting different shaped items in the corresponding spaces

Use blocks/lego to construct a post box

Make and pack a picnic Sensory

Sensory story using sensory props (e.g. water sprayer for whale spurting water)

Physical Health and Wellbeing (more ideas)

Physical Health

Clever fingers activities—using tongs to transfer whale toys from the shore to the

Wellbeing

What do animals need for their wellbeing and what do you need for your wellbeing?

Life Skills

water, crunching cornflakes, untie sea creature toys wrapped in a net, thread

Sand and water play

Crunching cornflakes & making breadcrumbs

Sensory circuits and self regulation in explore room/light room

Pirate remix Dough Disco