BIG BLUE SEA

Dive under the water to find out who lives in the Big Blue Sea!

Can you help our marine friends to give our story a happy ending?

This story and play session allows learners to develop their imaginative language skills.











## **CURRICULUM LINKS**

### The session links with the Early Learning Goals for:

Communication and Language; Literacy; Personal, Social and Emotional Development; Understanding the Natural World; Expressive Arts and Design.

# **OBJECTIVES**

#### For learners to:

- Listen attentively to a story and invent, adapt and recount narratives.
- Explore the underwater world and develop listening, attention and understanding skills.
- Develop early phonics.

### **LEARNING SESSION CONTENT**

#### **DIVE BRIEFING**

The session begins with the story of Katie the Conservationist and the marine creatures she meets when she dives under the sea. Learners are asked to help the animals solve their problems to give the story a happy ending. They are then invited to make up their own story about an animal of their choice, using our soft toys and puppets.

# **EXPLORATION**

(Free choice activities)

- Continue role play with the story props.
- Create a story using our Small World resource 'Treasure Chests'.
- Explore animal phonics and dress-up-diver puzzle.
- Make an underwater scene using Fuzzy Felts.
- Enjoy a range of story books.
- Explore a real dive suit.

#### **BACK TO THE SURFACE**

Learners are encouraged to identify some of the different animals they may encounter at The Deep.