

THE STORY TRAM

Under the Sea

Great picture books to share with your child:

'Tiddler' by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler

<https://www.slideshare.net/nikkitester1/tiddler-the-story-telling-fish>

'Under the Sea' by Anna Milbourne

'Commotion in the Ocean' by Giles Andreae

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9pRhgz8Jffs>

'Smiley Shark' by Ruth Gallowa

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZaU7r2RDf0M>

Action songs:

A Sailor Went to Sea, Sea, Sea

**A sailor went to sea, sea, sea
To see what her could see, see, see
But all that he could see, see, see,
Was the bottom of the deep blue sea, sea, sea**

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Once I Caught a Fish Alive

**1, 2, 3, 4, 5, once I caught a fish alive
6, 7, 8, 9, 10, then I let it go again
Why did you let it go?
Because it bit my finger so
Which finger did it bite?
This little finger on the right**

Five Little Fish

**Five little fish, swimming in the sea,
Teasing Mr Shark, 'you can't catch me! You can't catch me!'
Along came Mr Shark, as quiet as can be
And SNAP!
Four little fish, swimming in the sea.....**

Other songs:

‘Under the Sea’ (from The Little Mermaid)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GC_mV1IpjWA

‘Baby Shark’

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XqZsoesa55w>

Some ideas for simple art and craft activities:

Potato printing

cut smallish potatoes (perfect for little hands to grip) in half and pat dry with kitchen towel. Draw a simple fish design onto the flat edge of the potato and use a sharp knife to carve out the outline. Help your child to dip the potato into some washable paint and start printing! You can wipe off excess paint with kitchen towel. Why not introduce colour mixing with your child?

Ocean in a jar

pour a layer of sand into a large jar (with lid). Pop in a few shells and any small plastic fish or sea creatures that (e.g. toy fish, dolphin, crab) you have and fill the jar with water. Add a couple of drops of blue and green food colouring then pop the lid on, tighten and seal with tape so that your little one can't open it!

Seashell imprints

use shells of different and shapes and sizes to make imprints into playdough

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Sponge painting

cut unused cleaning or bath sponges into sea creature shapes – starfish, dolphin, fish – and print with them using washable paint. Create an underwater scene!