

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This week we will be talking in circle time about what a challenge means and how we come across things that are difficult and what we do to overcome them.

### Communication and Language

The children will be encouraged to retell the story of 'The Storm Whale' using story props or acting it out in the role play area. The children will be introduced to the vocabulary of the book - seaside, whale, storm, ocean, travel, lighthouse etc. They will also develop their vocabulary by describing things further for instance a wriggling jellyfish, a tall lighthouse or an enormous whale.

### Physical Development

We have been practising catching and throwing large balls outside and we will be continuing with this. Please also practise this at home.

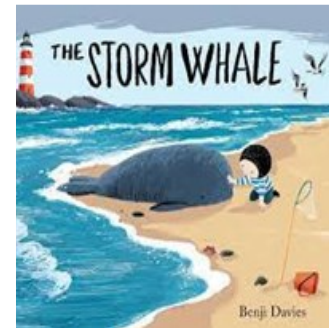
### Literacy

We will be reading and retelling the story of 'The Storm Whale' by Benji Davies. This is the story of a boy who befriends a whale and how he helps it eventually go back to its home in the sea. Click on the following link to hear the story read at home: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=czczPkmP988>  
We will then be writing letters to the rescued whale as a class.

### Nursery Learning

29th Jan-2nd Feb  
2024

The Storm Whale



### Expressive Arts and Design

The children can act out the story of 'The Storm Whale' in the role play area where they can be on the seashore, in a boat or in the sea. We will be colour mixing different shades of blue looking at the colour of the sea when it is calm in contrast to when it is stormy and rough. We will also be listening to Handel's 'Water Music.'

### Understanding the World

The children will be learning about whales by looking at information books and watching video clips. The children will be able to make boats from different materials and observe what happens when they are put into water.

### Mathematics

We will be continuing to weigh and compare objects to do with the sea such as pebbles and shells.