

The Storm Whale

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Before we broke up, I introduced this book to some of the children. This lovely book links with our seaside topic. Here are some writing opportunities that can be done across 2-3 weeks.

Retell the story from a different point of view (Newspaper)

1. Write a description about a storm.
2. Read through the model text and list the sentence openers, adjectives and past tense verbs.
3. Plan your own retell of the storm
4. Write your own newspaper report about the events of the storm.
5. Use a crayon to edit your work. Do you have capital letters in the write places? Are your letter correctly formed and placed on the line? Can you use more adjectives?

Change the story

1. Draw and describe the animal/creature that Noi found in the storm.
2. Plan your own story
3. Write your own story by changing the animal/creature.

Non-Fiction writing

1. Create a mind map of ideas of how Noi looked after the whale
2. Plan
3. Write a report about how to take care of a whale.

All these will include a range of examples to help and support your child. Use them as you wish to encourage them to use their own imagination.

LI: To use a range of adjectives and verbs to describe a storm



Adjectives	Nouns	Verbs
Strong Powerful Huge Scary Abandoned Wooden stripy	Wind Waves Lightning Thunder Lighthouse Beach Rocks Cliff	Blowing Crashing Flashing Rumbling Roaring Floating Rolling

There are **thick stormy** clouds **gathering** above the **wild sea**. The **powerful** wind is **howling** and the **loud** thunder is **rumbling**. The **yellow** lightning is **flashing** through the **dark** clouds. The **crazy** waves **crashes** against the **rocky** coastline. As the storm settles, the **sandy** beach is deserted and **slimy** seaweed is **scattered** across the **shore**. There is a **lonely** abandoned boat **washed** up on the **dull** waterfront.

Whale found on the beach!

There was a shocking storm last night that hit Summer Side beach. The sandy peaceful beach was destroyed .But something strange was washed up. What can it be?

The dreaded storm

Last night, the strong winds roared and howled. The crazy waves crashed against the rocky coastline and the thunder rumbled. The next morning a strange figure was laying on the abandoned beach.

The boy who found the whale

A young little boy called Noi was walking along the beach. He went to see what was left after the storm. He found a little helpless whale washed up on the soft sand.



The whale has been returned

In the evening, the heroic boy and his dad sailed out to sea. They returned the beautiful creature back home.

Name of the Newspaper

Headline

Subheading

Introduction

Article

Find the sentence openers that are used in the text.

Last night

Find the adjectives that are used in the text.

peaceful

Find the past tense verbs (ed) that are used in the text.

destroyed

LI: To plan a recount (Newspaper)

St Mary's Times	
Headline	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
Beginning/ Introduction What happened last night?	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
Middle/Article Describe the storm.	<u>The dreaded storm</u> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
Describe how the boy found the whale.	<u>The boy who found the whale</u> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
Ending How did they return the whale?	<u>The whale has been returned</u> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>

St Mary's Times	
Headline	Whale washed up on the beach!
Beginning/ Introduction What happened last night?	Last night there was a wild storm. Something strange was washed up on the beach. What can it be?
Middle/Article Describe the storm. Describe how the boy found the whale.	<u>The dreaded storm</u> The wind was roaring. The waves were crashing. The next morning a strange creature was washed up on the beach. <u>The boy who found the whale</u> The next morning, a boy called Noi went for a walk on the beach. He found a whale.
Ending How did they return the whale?	<u>The whale has been returned</u> In the evening, the boy and his dad sailed out to sea. They returned the whale back home.

The children will use their plan to write and improve their sentences.

St Mary's Times

Whale washed up on the beach!

Breaking News! Last night a huge wild storm hit Spring Water Town. The sandy beautiful beach was destroyed .But something strange was washed up. What can it be?

The dreaded storm

Last night the strong winds were roaring and huge waves were crashing against the rocky coastline. The powerful thunder rumbled and the yellow lightning flashed through the thick clouds. The next morning a strange creature was washed up on the abandoned beach.

The boy who found the whale

The next morning, a young little boy called Noi was walking along the destroyed beach. In the distance, he saw a large figure laying on the sandy beach. It was a whale! The poor helpless whale has been washed up on the soft sand.

The whale has been returned

In the evening, the brave boy and his dad sailed out across the calm sea in a wooden boat. They returned the beautiful creature back home.

Check List		
Capital Letters	Finger Spaces	Full stops
Adjectives	-ed	and
!	?	but

Change the story

Can you change the story by changing the character?

Here are some examples



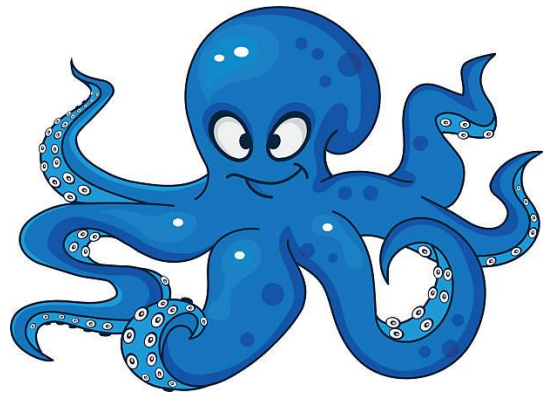
The large red dragon has shiny scales all over his body. He has big sharp teeth and hot fiery breath. The fierce dragon has two powerful wings to fly around the world.



The beautiful mermaid has long brown flowing hair. She has blue twinkly eyes and a charming smile. The magical mermaid has a colourful shimmering tail.



The hairy woolly mammoth has two strong tusks and one long brown trunk. He has large flappy ears and a small bushy tail.



The slimy octopus has eight long flexible tentacles and a large spotty body. He has two round glistening eyes and a mischievous smile.

<p>Beginning</p> <p>Introduce the character and the setting.</p> <p>Describe the storm</p>	<p>Noi lived with his dad by the sea.</p> <p>Every day Dad went to work.</p> <p>One night there was a storm.</p> <p>The waves crashed.</p> <p>The wind howled.</p>	<p>Wow Words</p> <p>Young</p> <p>Busy</p> <p>Wild</p> <p>Powerful</p>
<p>Middle</p> <p>What did Noi find on the beach?</p> <p>Describe it</p> <p>How did Noi look after it?</p>	<p>In the morning, Noi went down to the beach to see what had been left behind. He spotted something in the distance.</p> <p>It was a mermaid!</p> <p>Long scaly tail and beautiful shiny hair</p> <p>Noi put the mermaid in the bath.</p>	<p>Wow Words</p> <p>Magical</p> <p>Enchanted</p> <p>Twinkly</p> <p>Glistening</p>
<p>Ending</p> <p>How did his dad find out?</p> <p>How did they return it home?</p>	<p>Noi sneaked food passed his dad.</p> <p>His dad walked into the bathroom and found the mermaid.</p> <p>He said they must take the mermaid back to the sea where it belonged.</p> <p>They sailed out to sea and returned the mermaid.</p>	<p>Wow Words</p> <p>Peaceful</p> <p>Beautiful</p> <p>Calm</p>

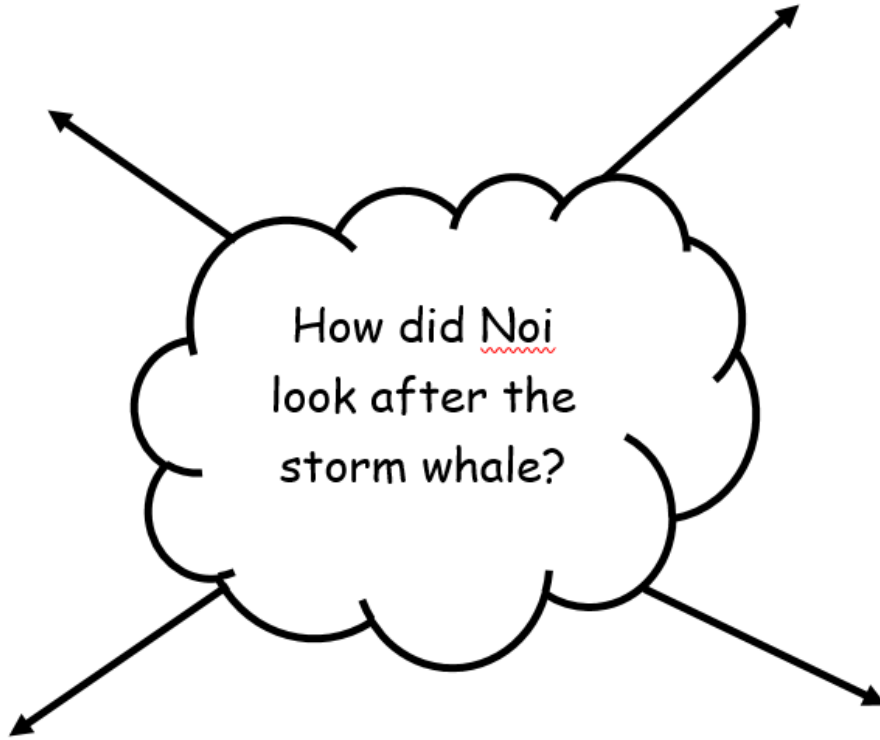
Once there was a young little boy called Noi. He lived with his dad in a small wooden house by the beautiful sea. Every day his busy dad goes to work. One night, there was a wild storm. The powerful winds howled and the huge waves crashed against the rocky coastline.

The next morning, Noi went for a walk along the sandy beach to see what had been left behind. He spotted something mysterious in the distance. Noi stepped closer and he could not believe his eyes. It was a magical mermaid! She had a colourful scaly tail and blue twinkly eyes. The enchanted mermaid was in trouble and Noi knew that it wasn't good for a mermaid to be out of water. Noi quickly brought the mermaid back to his house and placed her in the bath.

In the evening, Noi sneaked from of his delicious food into the bathroom but his dad followed him. Noi's dad was not angry but said they must return the magical mermaid back to the shimmering sea where she belonged. They sailed out together and returned the magnificent creature back home. Noi wondered if she would ever return.

Non-Fiction

How to take care of a whale?



Challenge: Using a different colour, how would you look after a whale?

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Beginning/ introduction	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
Middle Mammal Flippers Blubber Air hole	<u>What does a whale look like?</u> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
Ending Space Food What they like to do	<u>What does a whale need to survive?</u> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
	Many species of whales are becoming endangered so it is important to take good care of them.

Title	How to take care of a baby whale
Beginning/ introduction	<p>Whales are mammals.</p> <p>They live in the ocean.</p> <p>They like to swim and sing.</p>
<p>Middle</p> <p>Mammal</p> <p>Flippers</p> <p>Blubber</p> <p>Air hole</p>	<p><u>What does a whale look like?</u></p> <p>Largest mammal in the sea.</p> <p>Paddled-shaped flippers</p> <p>Thick layer of blubber</p> <p>Air hole at the top to breath</p>
<p>Ending</p> <p>Space</p> <p>Food</p> <p>What they like to do</p>	<p><u>What does a whale need to survive?</u></p> <p>Whales needs a large open space.</p> <p>Whales eat fish and squid.</p> <p>Whales do not like to be alone.</p> <p>They like to play games and sing songs to each other.</p>
	<p>Many species of whales are becoming endangered so it is important to take good care of them.</p>

How to take care of a whale

Whales are beautiful mammals that live in the ocean. They love to swim and sing. You need to take special care of them.

What does a whale look like?

Whales are the largest mammal in our oceans and there are 90 different species. They have paddle-shaped flippers and a thick layer of blubber. They have an air hole at the top of their bodies to breathe from and can stay underwater up to an hour.

What does a whale need to survive?

Whales will need a large open space to swim. They will need 4 tons of food every day to keep them fit and healthy. Whales like fish, squid or octopus. Whales do not like to be alone so you will have to spend a lot of time with it. Whales like to play games and loves to learn new tricks. They also like to sing songs.

Many species of whales are becoming endangered so it is important to take good care of them.