



# Headteacher finds Mer-people on Norwick Beach

**Reporters:** Eloise Priest; Steven Williamson; Joanne McMillan; Emily Thomson and Oakley Thomson

**Photograph:** Mike Pennington



Mr Paul Thompson, Head Teacher of Baltasound Junior High School was walking his dog Milo on Norwick beach and found something quite unexpected. He let Milo off the lead and he raced ahead. A few moments later Mr Thompson heard the dog barking at people.

He shouted at Milo to stop but when he reached them he saw that it wasn't human people but a mermaid and a merman. Mr Thomson was very shocked but quickly realised they needed help. He asked Milo to go and fetch help but Milo only came back with a bone.

Mr Thomson could see the mer-people were very dry and they couldn't breathe on land so he called the fire service for some help. While he was waiting Mr Thomson got his bucket and started pouring water on the strangers to keep them wet. Mr Thomson told our reporters that he asked the mer-people what their names were, where they were from and how they got here. He said that the mermaid was called Pearl and the merman was called Zack. The merman explained they were from the Pacific Ocean and that they were on holiday in Unst. They had gotten too close to the shore and a giant wave

washed them up onto the shore. When the fire service arrived they dug out a hole in the sand so when the tide came in they pushed the mer-people into the water and said goodbye and the visitors swam away. Mr Thomson said "I can't wait to tell all the bairns at school what happened to me at the weekend. I know they won't believe me but I have taken photos to show them my adventure was real." Mr Thomson has now told us he has received a letter from Pearl and Zack to let him know they got back home safely to the Pacific Ocean.

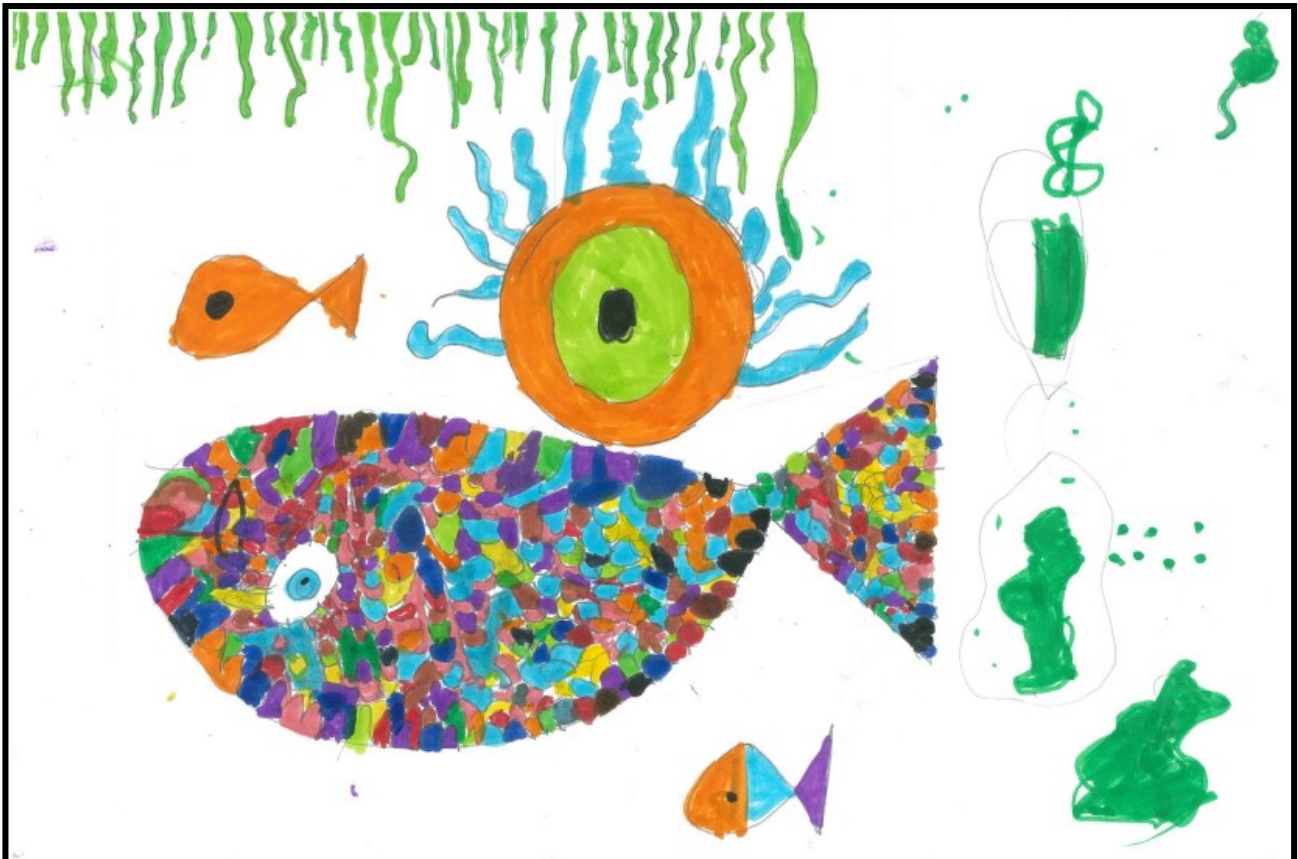
# Rainbow Fish goes to school

Reporters: Riley Davies, Lawrence Allen, Joni Thomson and Abbie –Maree McDermott  
Picture by Riley Davies, Lawrence Allen, Joni Thomson and Abbie –Maree McDermott

One day the Rainbow fish went to Baltasound Junior High School. In Lower Primary he met Joni, Lawrence, Riley and Abbie-Maree. The teacher is called Mrs F. Today our lesson is our news said Mrs F. Rainbow Fish told everyone he had swam 5 miles to reach school.

After writing about our news it was time for Maths and Rainbow Fish joined in.

The Rainbow Fish enjoyed his day so much he gave a magic scale to every bairn in Lower Primary. The magic scale made every child happy and even better at their maths!



# Notices

## Marriages

The wedding of Timmy Turtle and Betty Turtle took place on Saturday 21st March 2020 at the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean. The bride wore a dress of white seaweed and carried a bouquet of coral. The groom wore black seaweed suit and a coral top hat. The happy couple had a party with their family and friends.

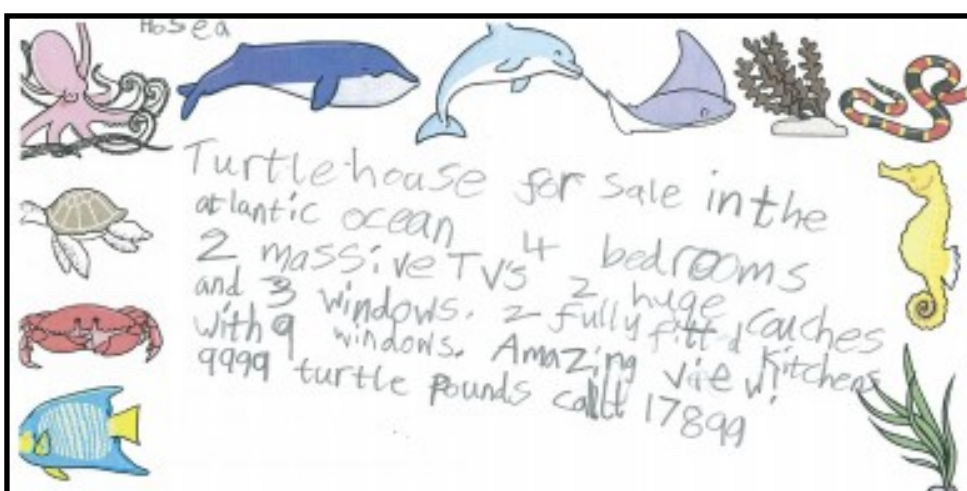
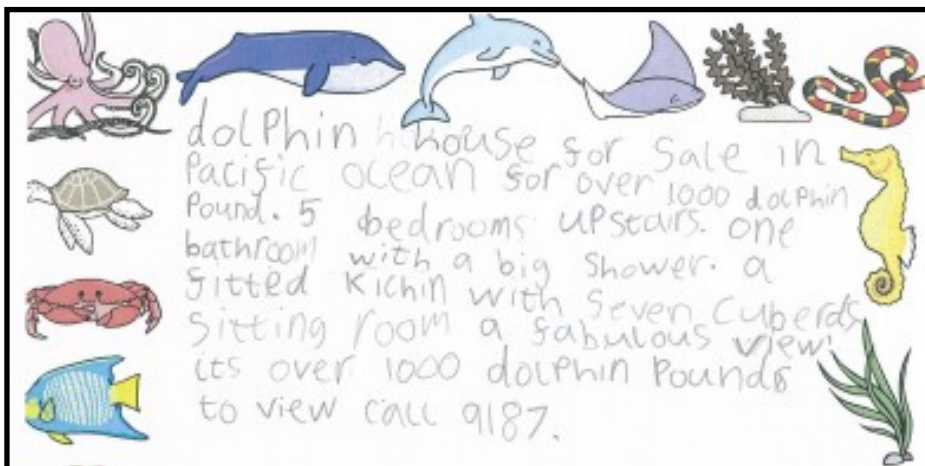
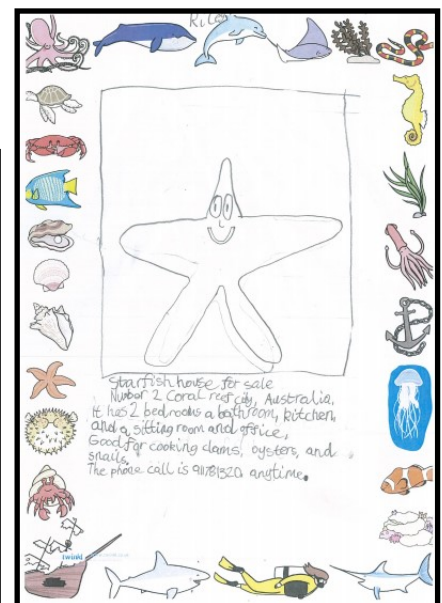
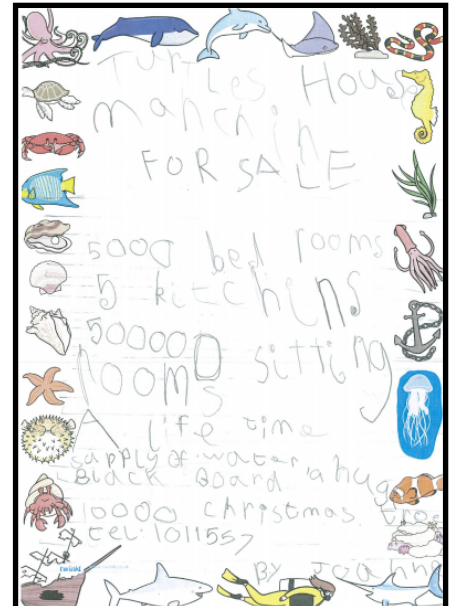
## Births

Mr and Mrs Rainbowfish are pleased to announce the birth of their 337 babies. They hatched on Monday 23rd March in the Pacific Ocean. The 205 boys and the 132 girls are all well.

## Deaths

Suddenly at Saturday's netball match Chloe Dolphin was eaten by the nasty shark. She is the daughter of Lucas and Amy Dolphin. She will be missed by her netball friends.

## Houses for Sale





# Letter from a Mermaid

Reporter: Eloise Priest  
Picture by Eloise Priest

Everybody loves a happy ending and we are pleased to let our readers know that mer-people Pearl and Zack got home safely. Mr Thomson who is the Headteacher at Baltasound School sent us this letter which he received a few days ago.

To Mr Paul Thomson

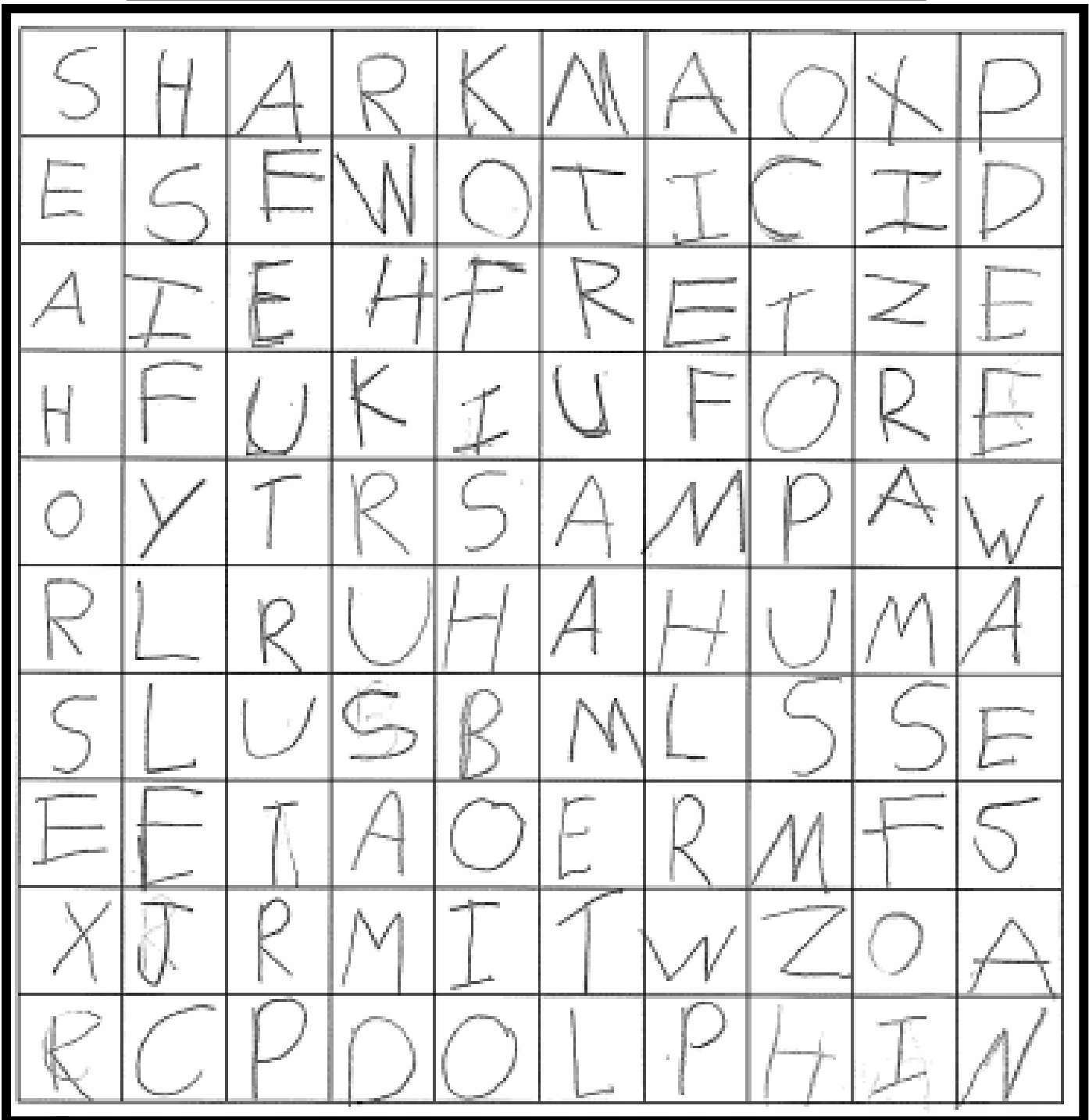
As we got into the water we felt more wet. We started to swim. We had a map to help us home so we didn't get lost. I know lots of oceans but not the North Sea.

We were half way there when a big blue boat came and bumped into a huge rock. Me and Zack fell to the sea bed. The Rainbow Fish and the Little Blue fish came to help us. They shouted out to their friends and they helped to push us up and helped us to start swimming again. At bedtime we ate and then went to sleep. In the morning the sharks came.

One shark bit me on the hand and was about to bite the other hand but Zack destroyed the shark. Luckily we had a plaster and Zack helped me put it on my hand. We were able to keep swimming until we got home. When we got home we were fine. Mine and Zack's friends were very happy to see us. Thank you Mr Thomson for helping us.  
Love from Pearl



## Emma and Hosea's Wordsearch



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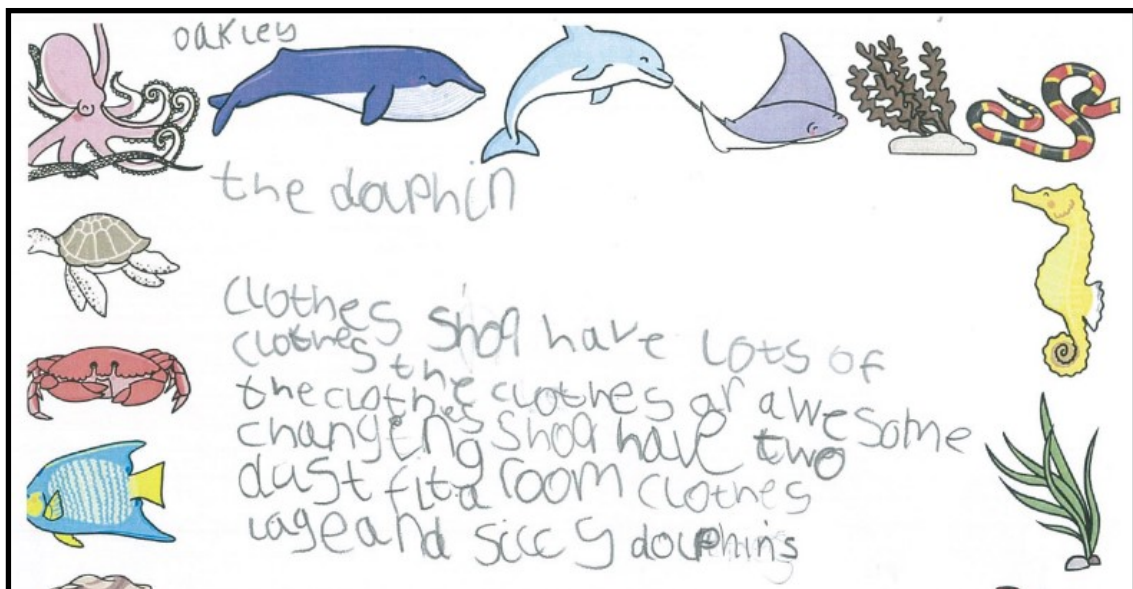
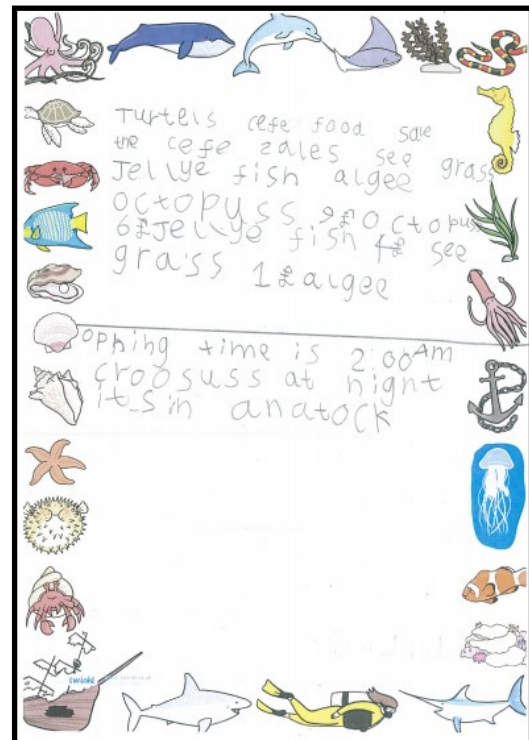
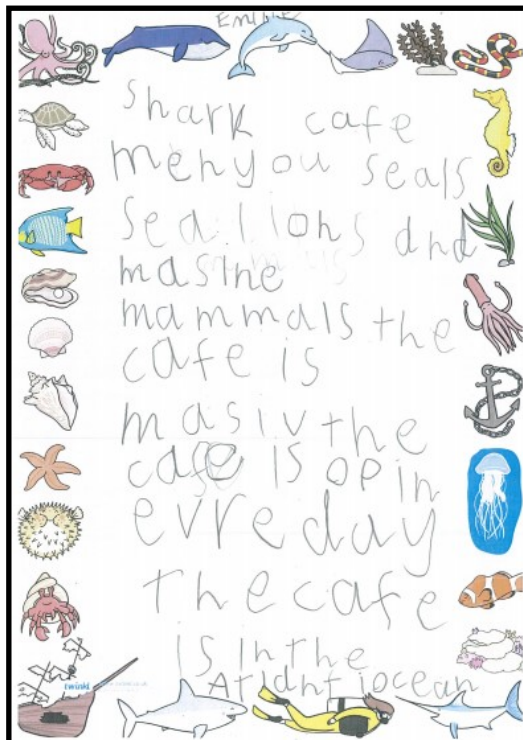
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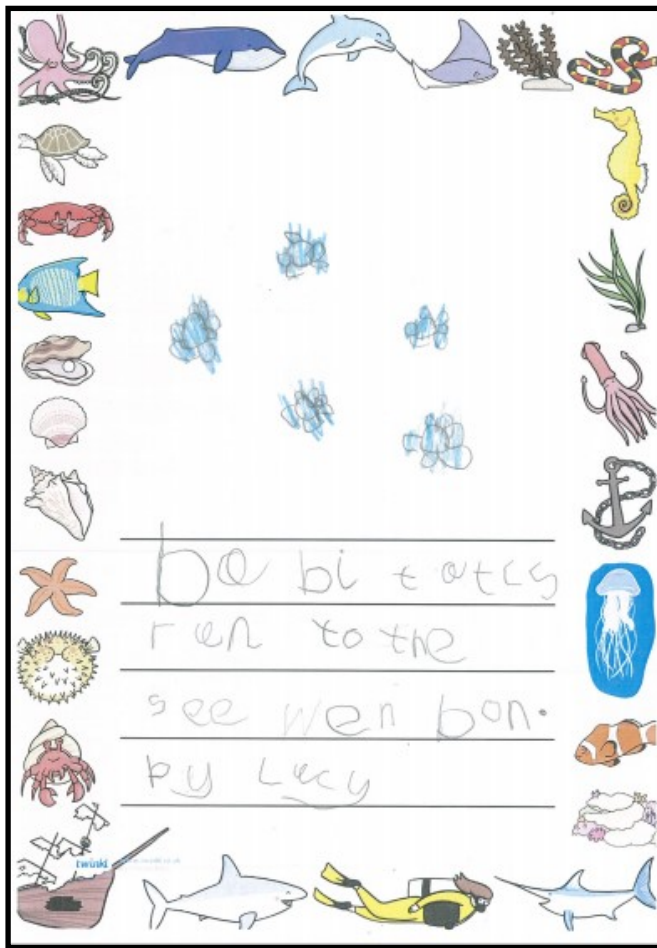
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# Local Shops and Cafes



# Did You Know.....



## The Octopus

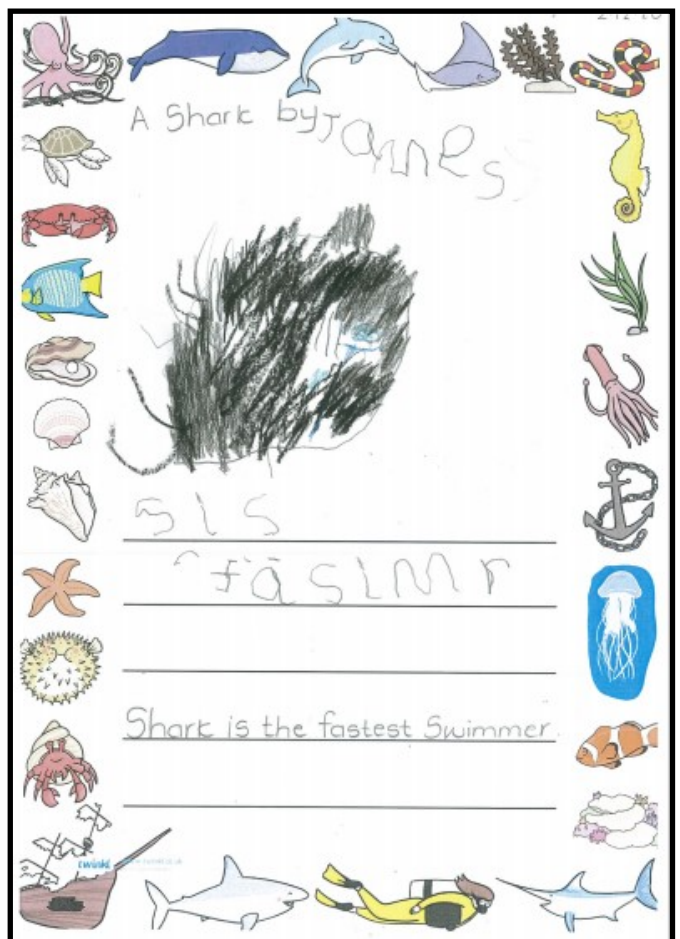
By Leah Johnson

The Octopus has a soft body because it has no bones. It has two large eyes and eight tentacles. They eat crabs, clams and mussels. Octopus live in deep blue seas. They hide in shipwrecks and rocks. To swim they spout out a jet of water and ink from their tentacles.

## The Dolphin

By Oakley Thomson

The dolphin is large sea creature. Its body is blue and grey. It is soft and silky. They live in oceans but they do not live in the Arctic. Dolphins eat fish, squid, shrimps, octopus and jellyfish. Bottlenose dolphins have about 100 teeth.

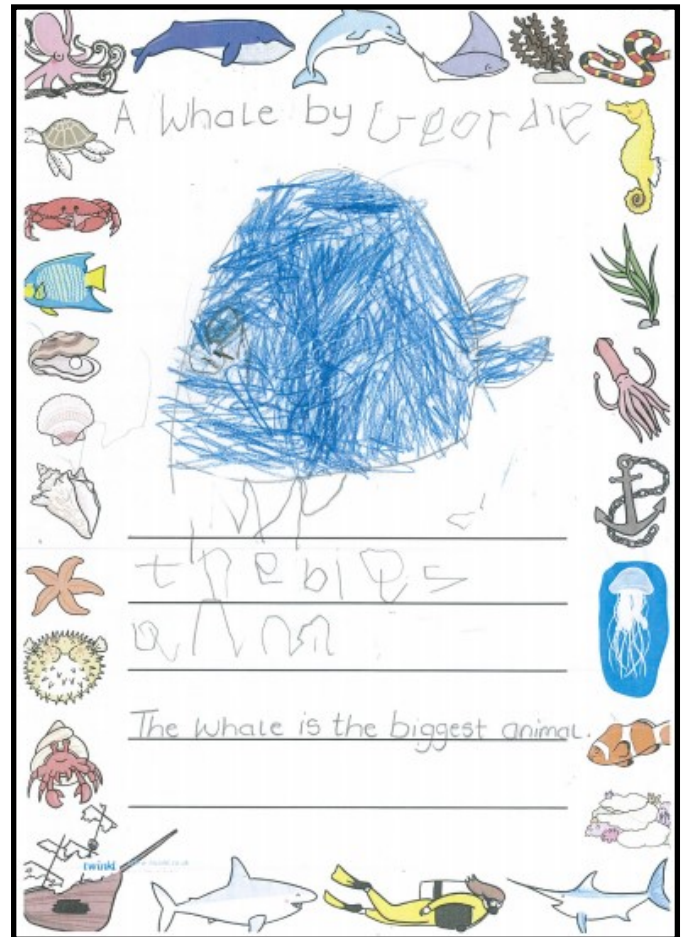




## The Amazing Octopus

By Eloise Priest

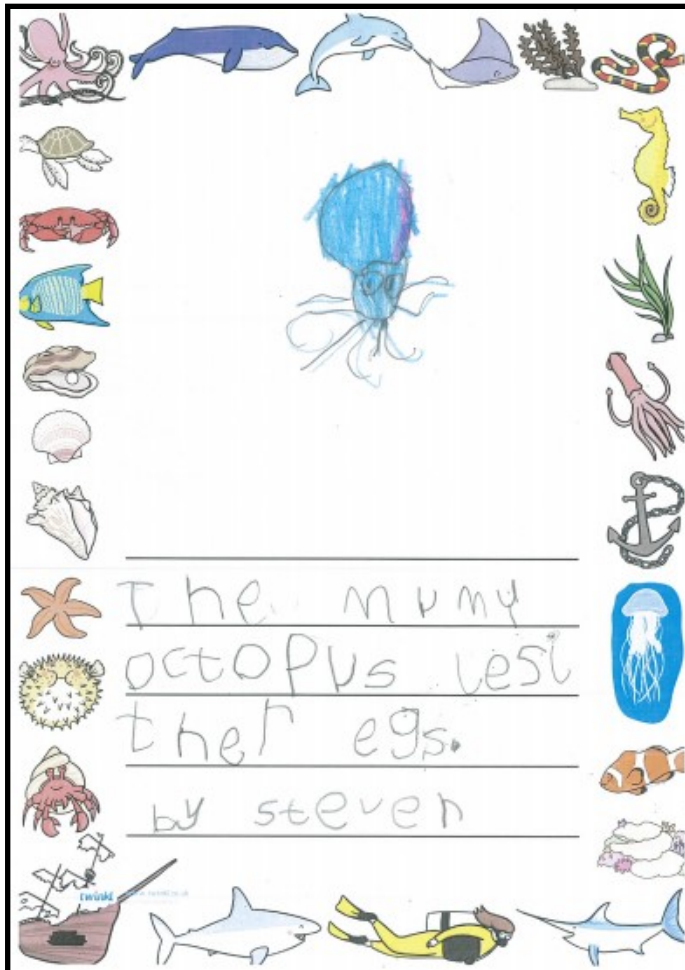
The octopus has a soft body and no bones. It has 2 large eyes. It has 8 tentacles, 6 of the tentacles are arms and 2 are legs. It moves by its arms and legs. The octopus eats crabs, clams and mussels. The octopus lives in the sea where they like to hide in rocks and shipwrecks. If an octopus loses a tentacle a new one grows in its place.



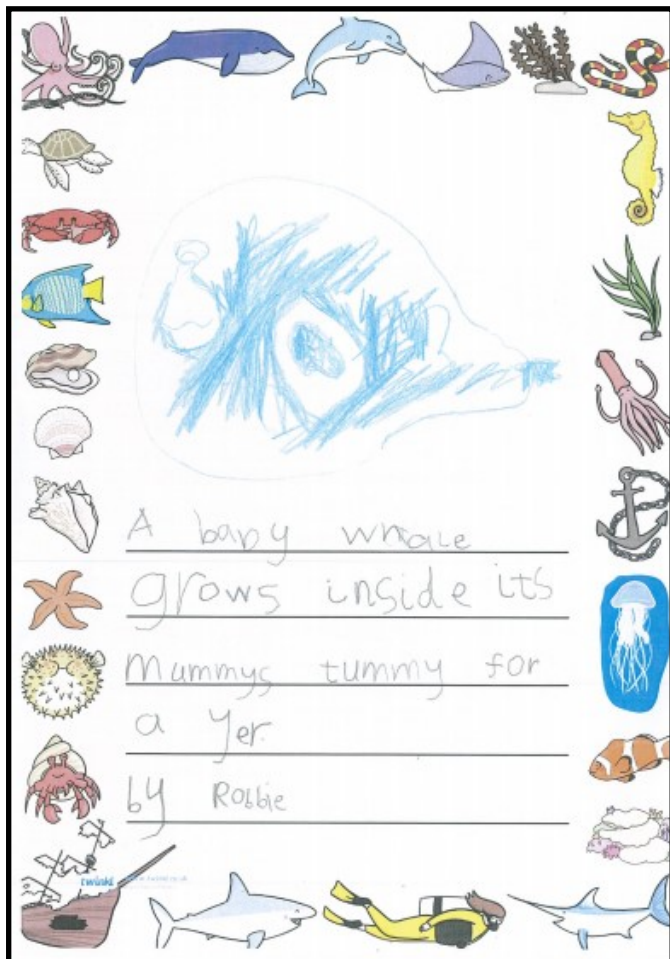
## The Fantastic Dolphin

By Emma Spence

A dolphin is a large marine animal and its body is smooth. Its body is blue and grey in colour. Dolphins move their tails up and down to move around. They eat fish, squid, octopus, shrimps and jelly fish. Dolphins live in all oceans except the Arctic and Antarctic regions. A dolphin has more than 200 teeth.







## The Puffer Fish

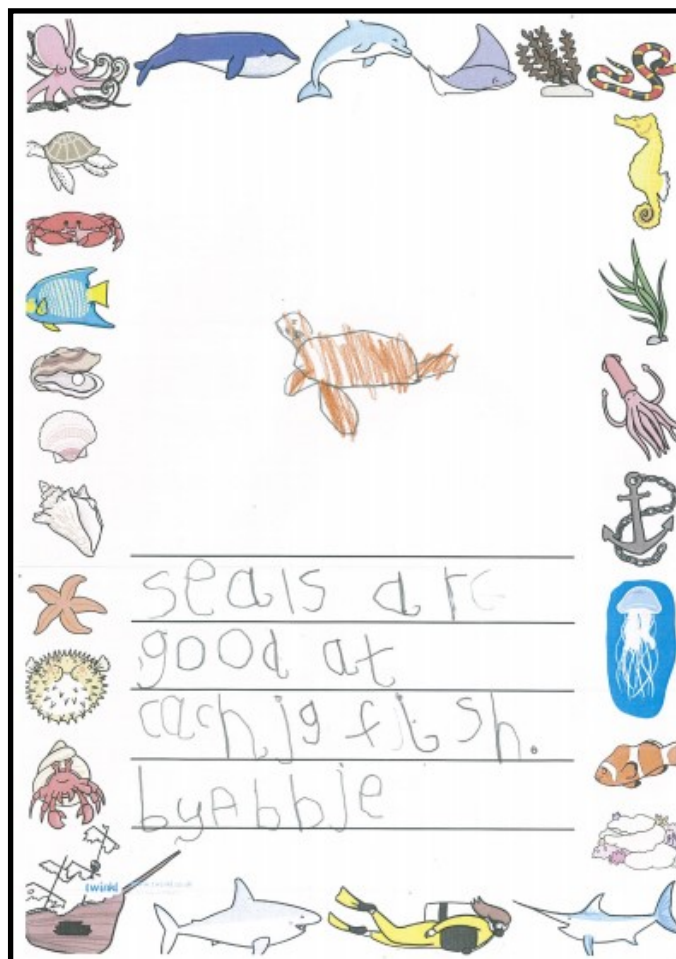
By Ellis Hunter Johnson

The Puffer fish has prickly skin and it puffs itself up when it is angry. It eats algae and small fish. They live in warmer waters. Its whole body is poisonous except for its flesh.

## The Great White Shark

By Emilie Rose Thomson

The Great White Shark has dark grey on top of its body and white on the bottom. The Great White Shark eats sea lions and seals and other sea creatures. They are very big and have up to 300 teeth. They can smell their food far away.



# The Turtle

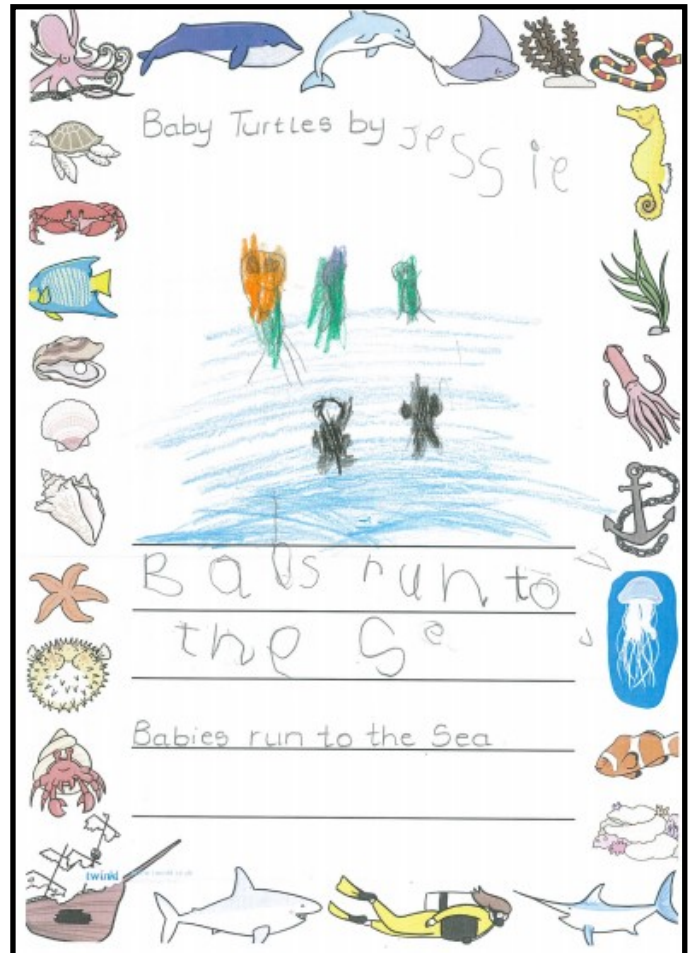
The carapace can include dark brown, green, yellow and black.

So why are they called Green Sea Turtles? Well these cool creatures are named for their layer of green fat that lies under their shell.

Turtles have been around for a very very long time.

They think jellyfish are delicious.

By Hosea



# The Starfish

By Riley

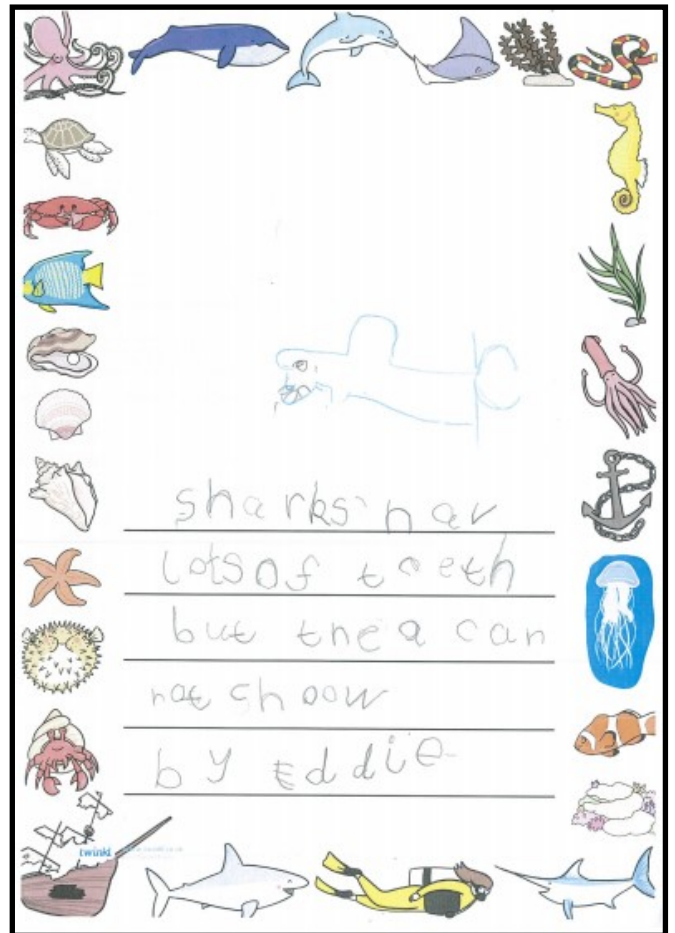
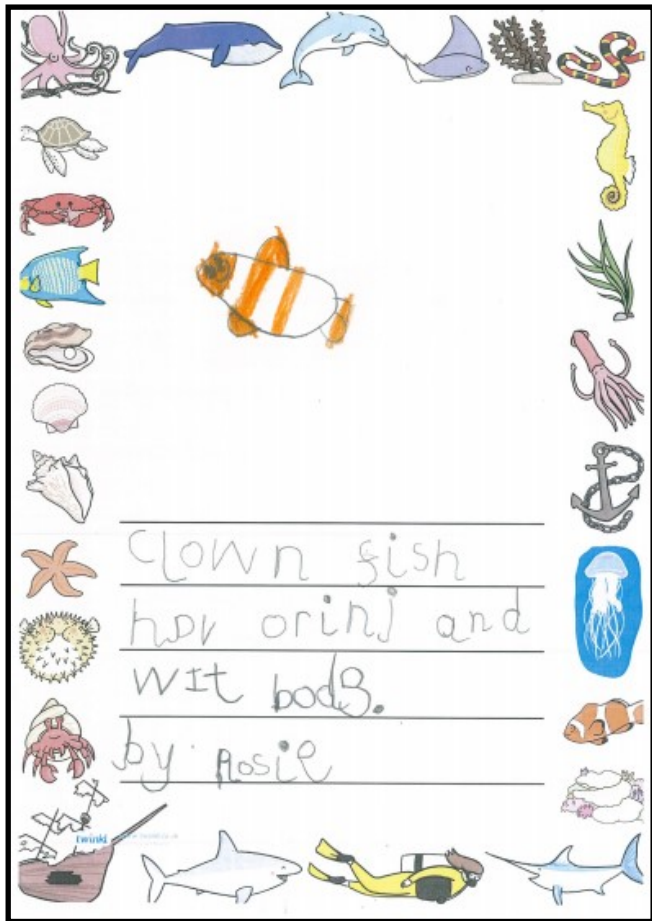
The starfish has a mouth underneath its body. It moves on five arms and uses suckers to move.

The starfish eats clams, oysters, and snails.

It lives on sandy sea beds, and coral reefs.

It is not really a fish because it has no bones.

There are around 1600 species of starfish.



## Joanne's Joke

Joanne's Joke  
Why did the crab not  
share his sweeties?  
because he is a  
little shellfish



# A Netball Match with a Bite

Reporters: Emma Spence and Leah Johnson

Picture: Emma Spence and Leah Johnson



Netball teams Dolphins and Sharks met on Saturday at Lerwick Pier for their first match of the season. Kick off was at 2pm and straight away there was a fight. The referee stepped in to stop it and sent off Max the Shark. The Dolphins scored their first goal soon after some great tail ball work. The Sharks managed to equalize before half time. After half time the sharks were still angry but went on to score their

second goal. Another fight broke out and became very serious and referee couldn't get them to stop fighting. Finally the Sharks became really mad and out of control and Bob the Shark ate the Dolphin's Goal Defence. The referee had to stop the match and the Sharks went home in disgrace. The Sharks have been banned from playing netball for life.

## ADVERT

Octopus cafe

What is in the menu?

Crab stew for 35 octopus pounds  
Clam soup 4 or 30 octopus pounds  
Mussels and oysters for 20 octopus pounds  
Crab juice for 15 octopus pounds  
Clams and chips for 25 octopus pounds  
Mussels and crab wine for 20 octopus pounds

The octopus cafe is in the Pacific Ocean the big ship wreck  
all days at 7am to 7pm

Sharp cuts hair  
puffers gets his  
spikes trimmed  
open Monday to  
Saturday 9-5pm  
find us at  
Sea Weed Road  
Deep Blue Sea

## Sports News

# Fight at the Uyeasound Football Match

Reporters: Hosea Moar; Calum Thomson & Ellis Johnson

# Salmon United 2 Tuna City 3

The match kicked off 1pm on a dreich day in Uyeasound Salmon Town. Salmon United and Tuna City met for the first time this season without fans because of Covid-19 restrictions. Half way through the first half Tom Tuna (number 5)

did a sliding tackle on Salmon striker, Thompson who hurt his leg. Max Jonson Salmon got in a fight with Tom Tuna and the City player got a yellow card. Salmon United got one penalty and scored. Tom Tuna got kicked he hit his neck off the seaweed cross bar.

Some of the fish got distracted and nibbled on the goal posts. While the fish were nibbling on the goal Tom Tuna kicked the ball and it hit Max Jonson Salmon on the head and he was knocked out.

Early in the second half City scored an amazing goal when Jim Tuna kicked the ball from the half way line. Jim went on to score two more goals in the 50th and 62nd minute. In the last minute Salmon United got a late goal when Bob Salmon from a corner and knocked the ball into the goal.

The win puts Tuna City to the top of the league.

