READING, WRITING & Spelling

Week 1: Creatures of the Deep

Year 5 HOME LEARNING

Reading

1. What have these two clownfish found? The **Visual Literacy** sheet has a link to the BBC video and comprehension questions. Choose Level 1, 2 or 3 questions or do them all!

2. Open up your **Read All About It** page for an interesting article on orcas (killer whales).

Writing Practice

'Cause and effect' connectives

'Cause and effect connectives' – like **because** and **so** - link two parts of a sentence together. Adding a cause and effect connective allows you to explain something further or give a reason. Much better!

For example:

1. An octopus can squeeze through tiny cracks. ✗
   An octopus can squeeze through tiny cracks **because** it has no bones. ✓
2. The blue whale came to the surface. ✗
   The blue whale came to the surface **so** it could find food. ✓

'Cause and effect' connectives include:

Because   so   therefore   due to   as a result of   in order to   resulting in   otherwise   which means
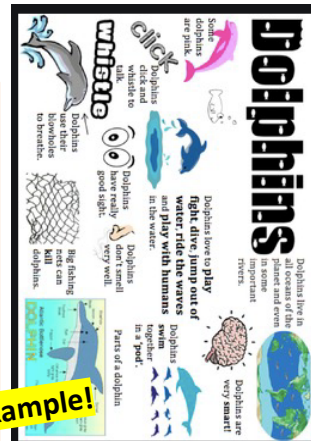
1. Use a 'cause and effect' connective to add more detail to each of these sentences:

a) The great white shark had scars on its side.   b) Dolphins live in big family groups

c) The giant squid attacked the shrimp.   d) Green turtles lay their eggs in coral reefs.

2. Think of four more creative sentences that include 'cause and effect' connectives!

Writing Challenges

Challenge 1 Research and create an info page about a Manx sea creature. Include all the amazing and surprising info you can find! Could it be basking sharks? Minke whales? Lobsters? Man'o'war jellyfish? Risso dolphins? Limpets? See www.mwdw.net or www.manxwt.org.uk for ideas!

Example!

Challenge 2 Write a short story involving these three pictures:
1. A manatee
2. Aquaman
3. The Ben my Chree!

Spellings

This week's spellings theme is words with silent letters:

doubt

lamb

debt

thumb

solemn

autumn

column

knight

knuckle

knot

Learn them, find out what they all mean, and **organise your own test for Friday!**

To help you learn them, maybe you can come up with sentences or stories that use the words, and share them with your family.