

OCEAN WONDERS

playspace card

Dive beneath the blue and embark on an enchanting journey in this sensory-rich playspace, where children can explore the wonders of the ocean. With each step, young adventurers will uncover hidden sea creatures and vibrant marine life, sparking curiosity and imagination. Engage with interactive elements like shells, sea creature replicas and mini beasts. This immersive experience encourages discovery and learning, making it a perfect haven for budding oceanographers. Let children's sense of wonder flourish as they explore and investigate the mysteries of the deep!

CREATING THIS SPACE we've got you covered

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ALL THE INSPIRATION YOU NEED and where to find them

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OUR HERO PIECES in this space

- [Neptune's Nursery - Paperback Book \(SKU 134749\)](#)
- [The Big Book of the Blue - Hardcover Book \(SKU 134379\)](#)
- [2 in 1 Sensory Play Tray - Blue \(SKU 112938\)](#)
- [Mini Beasts - Ocean Large Set \(SKU 116170\)](#)
- [CollectA Sea Life Replica - Set of 11 \(SKU 155140T\)](#)
- [Masterkidz Magnifying Stand \(SKU 133631\)](#)
- [Imaginative Play Shell & Fish Set \(SKU 113414T\)](#)
- [Natural Marine Sensory Tray \(SKU 136724\)](#)



Flip over the page for links to the EYLF, Planning Cycle and Implementation/Extension tips



Take some of the guess work out of the 'why' behind the 'what' and let the Bellbird playspace cards help guide you to create engaging and meaningful learning opportunities.



THE BIGGER THOUGHTS

learning themes and connections

Wondering what topics and themes you might see children exploring whilst engaging in this playspace? Check out some relevant learning themes here:

- ➔ Marine Life
- ➔ Environmentalism
- ➔ Ecosystems
- ➔ Conservation



PROMOTING THINKING DURING PLAY

engaging with children

Help children to think deeper about the topics you're exploring by engaging with them during play! Use open-ended questions to challenge and develop children's thoughts and ideas about what they're learning. You could ask children:

- ➔ Have you been to the beach? What did you see while you were there?
- ➔ If you could be a sea creature, what would you be? How can we find out more about that animal?
- ➔ How can we take care of the ocean and protect the homes of all the marine life?



LINKING TO THE LEARNING BEHIND PLAY

possible links to the early years learning framework

You might find children engaging in the following learning outcomes from the EYLF:

- ➔ Learning Outcome 2.4: Children become socially responsible and show respect for the environment
- ➔ Learning Outcome 4.1: Children develop a growth mindset and learning dispositions such as curiosity, cooperation, confidence, creativity, commitment, enthusiasm, persistence, imagination and reflexivity



EXTENDING PLAY: WHERE TO NEXT

extension ideas and prompts for continued inquiry

- ➔ Set up a small scenario where sea animals are "in trouble" (e.g. tangled in seaweed or affected by pretend pollution). Invite children to work together to rescue and care for them. This encourages empathy, problem-solving, and introduces early ideas about caring for the environment.
- ➔ Provide loose parts such as blue fabrics, recycled materials, shells, and craft items for children to create their own ocean scene or habitat. Children can add creatures, name their ocean, and share stories about what happens there, extending creativity, storytelling, and understanding of marine environments.
- ➔ Explore resource information using technology by learning more about seahorses with videos like this one:
 - [SEAHORSE 🐠🐡 Facts for Kids | A SEAHORSE Can Lay Hundreds of EGGS 🐠](#)



EVALUATING EXPERIENCES

prompts for critical reflection

- ➔ What worked well and why? What will I do differently next time?
- ➔ What feedback did children give, and how can I include their voices in future experiences?



MORE INSPIRATION

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