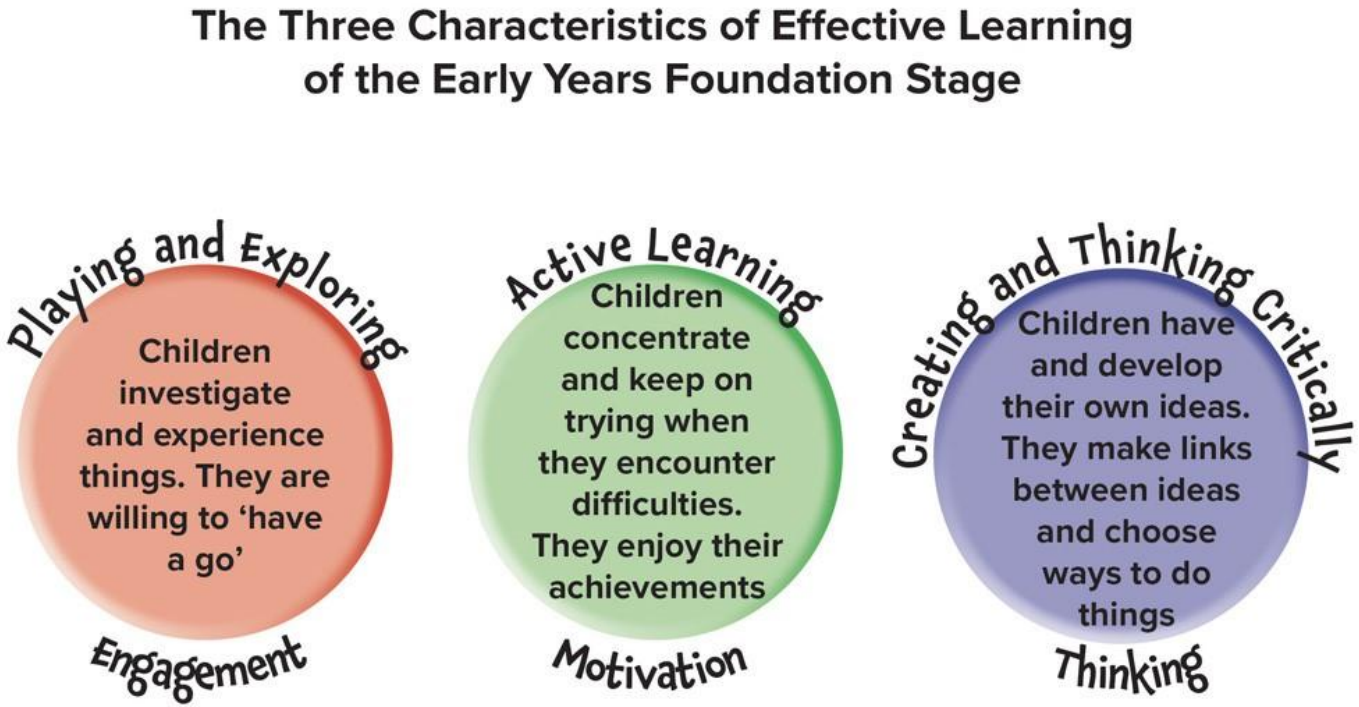
EARLY YEARS

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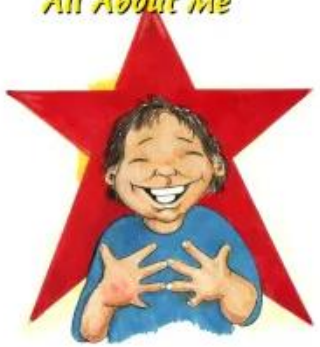
In Early Years there are seven areas of learning, these are split into prime and specific areas. We will give you a snapshot of some of the things we do in Early Years within these areas to enhance your child's learning and development.

COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

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OUR SCHOOL RULES

Three ways to make our school a happy place!



BE KIND

Use kind words
Help others
Include everyone



BE SAFE

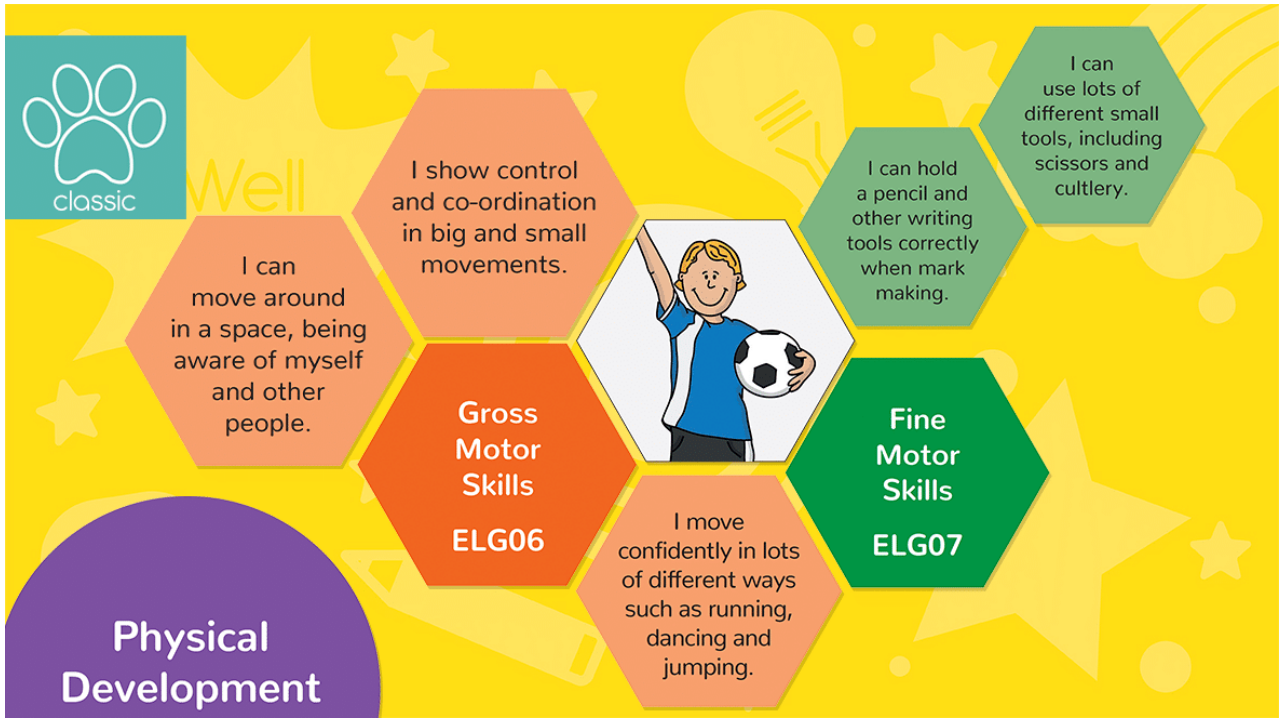
Follow instructions
Walk indoors
Keep hands and feet to yourself

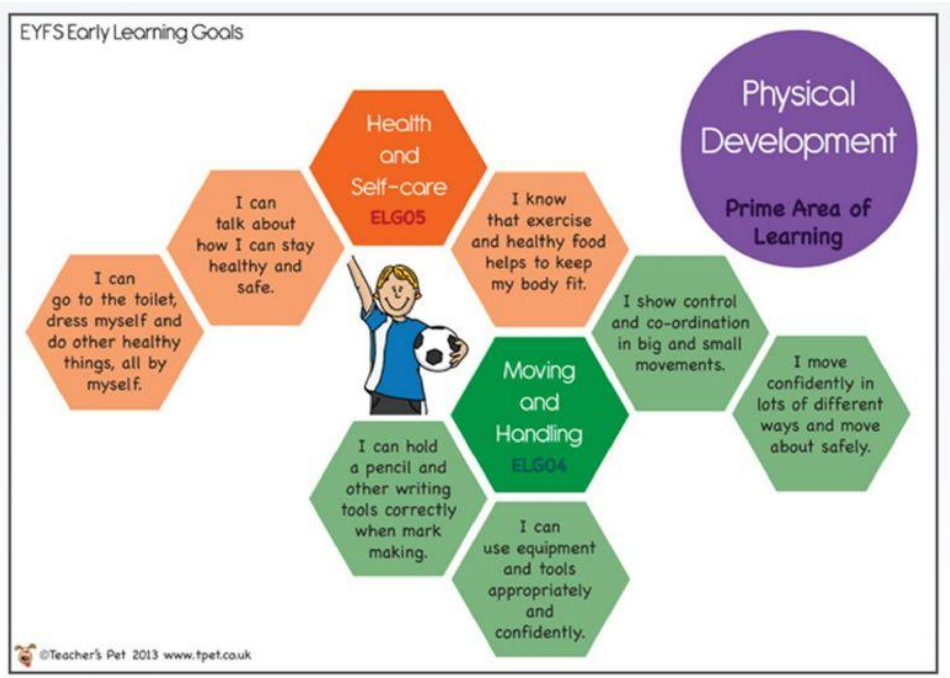


BE RESPONSIBLE

Look after our things
Be ready to learn
Make good choices

Physical Development

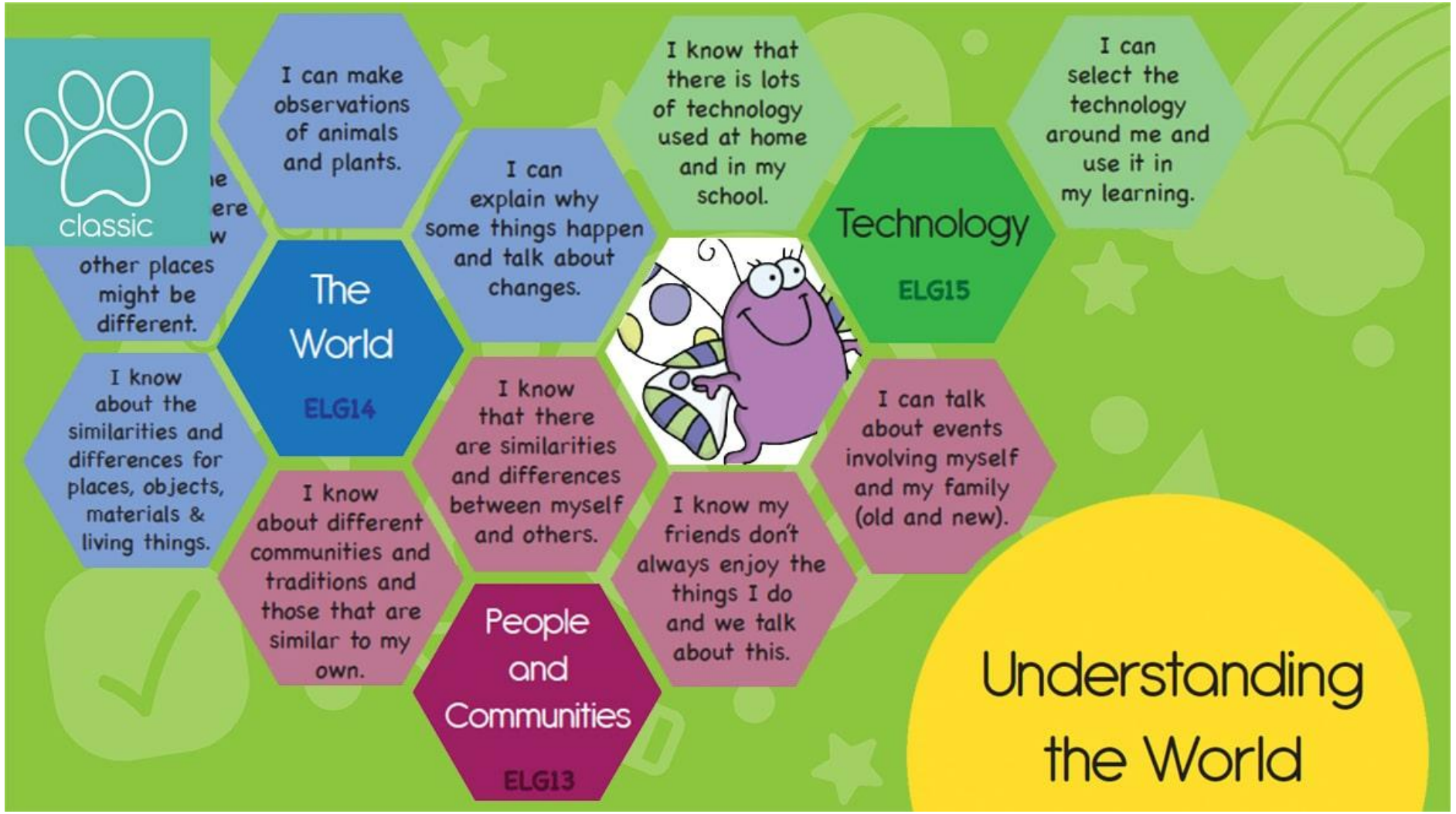




The children have PE every week with the sport coaches, but we do so many fun things in class to develop those fine motor skills! We also enjoy using our outdoor area as well.



Understanding the World



Daily Skills Lessons -

Geography
History
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Science
Computing

Expressive Arts and Design



Literacy

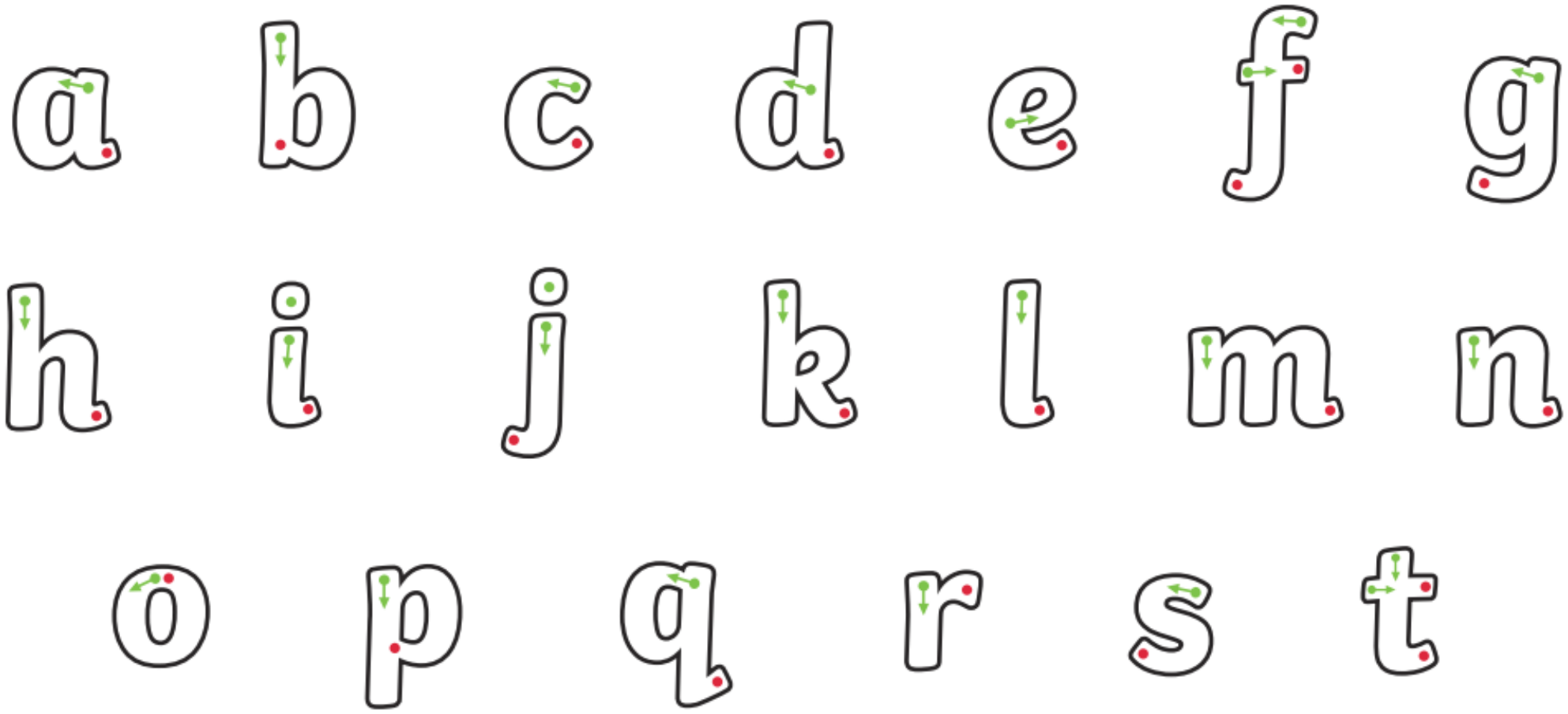
We teach Phonics 4 times a week. In the mornings we practice letter formation on white boards or in books. We have opportunities in our provision for children to develop their writing during exploring time. Across the week every child will do an adult directed Literacy task in line with their phonetic knowledge.

We follow the Twinkl scheme for Phonics. We have covered all of Phase 2 and will be moving onto Phase 3, which includes digraphs and trigraphs. Knowing all the sounds is key….but being able to blend the sounds and hear whole words is also a vital skill moving forward.



Phonics Jargon Buster for Parents

Letter Formation Practice Sheet

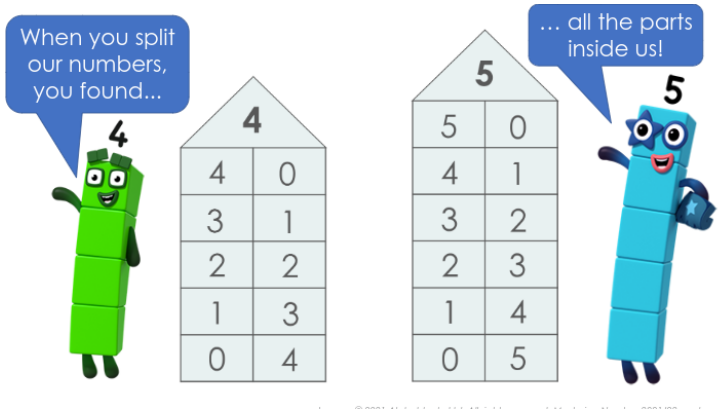


MATHS

The children have maths lessons 4 times a week.

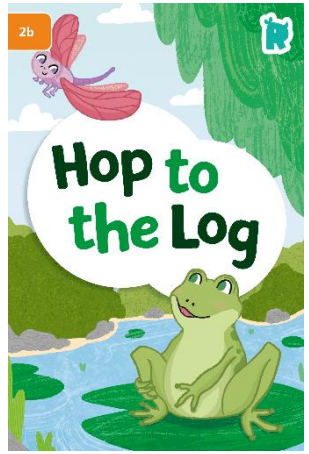
We have lots of child-initiated activities in our provision for the children to access during their exploring time and across the week every child will complete an adult directed maths task. So far in Maths we have been developing a deep understanding of numbers up to 5 looking at compositions, subitising and the importance of 1:1 counting.

We follow the Mastering Number scheme.









READING

Each week the children take home a reading book and a choosing book.

Reading is incorporated into every daily phonics lesson, and we do guided reading once a week as a whole class.







READING FOR PLEASURE!

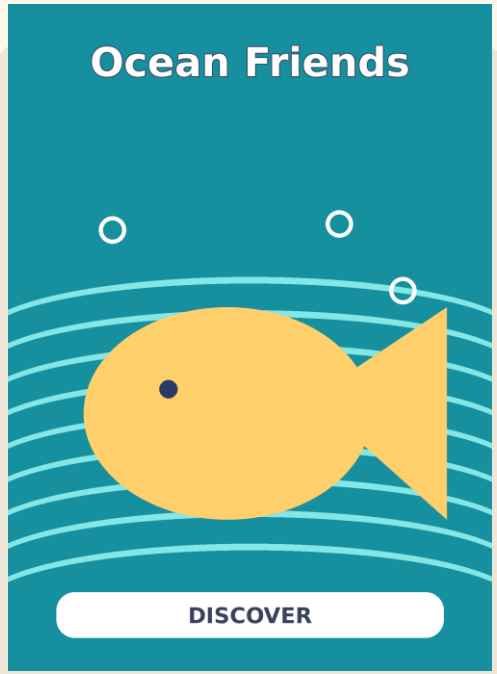
Every story is an adventure waiting to happen...



Cuddle up & share



Talk, laugh & imagine



Let them choose!

10 happy minutes together can spark a lifelong love of books!

Inspired by Neil Griffiths and his playful Storysacks approach

EXPLORING TIME



OUR TIME TO LEARN THROUGH OUR PLAY