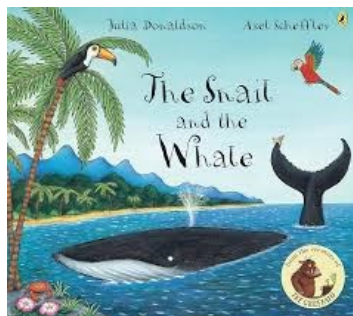


Living: The Snail and the Whale

Key Questions:

- Where do we belong? (Living)
- What is special about our world? (Living)



Key Outcomes:

- Listen attentively and ask questions about the book 'The Snail and the Whale'.
- Explain some similarities of life in this country and life in other countries, drawing on knowledge from stories, non fiction texts.
- Share and record occasions when things have happened in their lives that have made them feel special.
- Re-tell stories about creation and nature, talking about what they say about the world, God, human beings.
- Respond imaginatively and expressively to the beauty and delight of the natural world.
- Express ideas about how to look after animals and plants.

- Talk about what people do to mess up the world and what they do to look after it.

Possible experiences linked to outcomes:

- Explore the book 'The Snail and the Whale', re-telling to others and sharing parts of the story they like.
- Use outdoor learning to enable children to experience and explore the wonders and beauty of the natural world and life cycles of new life, growth and decay; explore the idea that the world is special and that some people believe it was created by God.
- Use art and creative activities to explore natural objects – shapes, pattern – or use micro-hikes or listening walks; grow and look after some plants and creatures.
- Use a simple child-friendly, but authentic version of the Bible's creation story, e.g. 'In the Beginning' by Steve Turner; explore in mime, express through art; reflect on ways in which the world is 'very good'.
- Hear and role-play stories from faiths about care for animals and the world. E.g. From Islam: 'Muhammad and the ant' (talk about caring for animals, looking after pets); 'Muhammad and the thirsty camel' (talk about how the camel felt; whether they have ever done something they are sorry for). NB: in Islam, don't role-play the part of the Prophet – Muslims never do, out of respect

Key Vocabulary

God	Creator and ruler of the world.
Creation	The creation of the universe.
Nature	The world and living things in their natural state.
Life cycle	Different stages of life for a living thing.
Grow	To become larger and increase in size.

Linked texts: God's Quiet Things, In the beginning, God's Very Colourful Creation, The Journey home, The Rhythm of the Rain.

