

TURTLE WEEK

Monday 18th—Friday 22nd April 2016

Each year we dedicate a week to learning about wildlife in our local environment. Turtle week follows on from our successful Osprey and Shark Weeks in years past. This week focuses on discovering more about our chosen animal, how they are a part of our local ecosystem, conservation projects here in the TCI and how we can play a role in their protection and preservation.



We hope that our local wildlife weeks will inspire an interest in our children and help them to develop and grow up with an outlook in which they can see ways in which they can truly make a difference. Many times wildlife populations are negatively affected because people are simply unaware of the consequences of their actions. As our children become more aware and knowledgeable, they will then be able to share this knowledge with other people. Take a look at our stage display as, over the week, it grows to share our learning with you.

Family Activities for Saturday 23rd:



Being part of a beach clean-up is a powerful way in which we can make a difference to turtles well-being here in the TCI. Join us for the early morning TCI Shines clean-up at the Bight Children's Park, starting between 7 and 8am.

We encourage you to follow this with a family afternoon or evenings entertainment at the Lempen Puppet Theatre Company's 'The Amazing Thing' show at Brayton Hall.



See flyers for details on all the upcoming community events.

"We are all really excited that you have chosen this subject for this year's theme week and we can't wait to be involved." Jackie Walker (Amanyara Nature Discovery Centre), Katharine Hart (Environmental Officer for DEMA) and Amy Avenant (Environmental Outreach Coordinator)

Thank you to all of our Community Supporters

- Lempen Puppet Theatre Company will be offering a puppet workshop with our Years 5 and 6.
- Local experts from DEMA and Amanyara Nature Discovery Centre, will be sharing news on their turtle projects here in the TCI and running a morning of activities.
- Local artists will be sharing their skills... inc. Year 3 and 4 creating acrylic turtle paintings with Lucie Winton Subbs and Year 1 and 2 making clay turtles with moulds donated by Brenda Luddington.
- Jackie Walker from Amanyara Nature Discovery Centre will lead a turtle tagging at Coral Gardens, in which our Year 4s will participate.
- Photographers David Gallardo and Sean Brady will be coming in to share some of their amazing turtle photos and diving stories.

Turtle Resources:

Take a look at all of the new resources we have recently purchased to enhance our Turtle Week learning...



Daily Activities:

We have a wide range of exciting activities planned and organised for all of the children to participate in throughout the school. The focus on turtles will be incorporated into all aspects of the curriculum and learning. We are very fortunate to be able to invite many local experts to come in to share their knowledge with us.



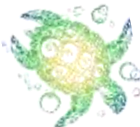
Turtles in Early Years

Learning about turtles will be a new and exciting experience for most of our Early Years children. Throughout the week, there will be many opportunities to explore their habitat, life cycle and learn how to take care and protect them. We will be reading lots of turtle stories, counting toy turtles, creating many art and craft projects, including 3D and Papier-mâché models, and possibly some cooking! Look out for them on the stage!



Across the School:

Monday



Jackie Walker ([Amanyara Nature Discovery Centre](#)), Katharine Hart (Environmental Officer for [DEMA](#)) and Amy Avenant (Environmental Outreach Coordinator for DEMA) will be joining together with our Yr. 3-6 teachers to offer a morning of Turtle activities. It will start with a presentation of 'Turtle Life Cycles' followed by fact finding, crafts and games. Jackie, Katharine and Amy bring a lot of expertise to share with the children. They are all experienced in working with turtles and play a role in monitoring and preservation initiatives in the TCI.

Tuesday



Year 4 are planning to join Jackie Walker as she catches, tags and releases a turtle at Coral Gardens. What an amazing opportunity!

On Tuesday afternoon, Jackie, Katharine, and Amy return to tell us more about protection projects and initiatives that are happening here in the TCI.



Wednesday

[David Gallardo](#) (photographer) will be visiting all the classes across the school to show some of his amazing photos of turtles and to share stories of some of his diving experiences with them.



Friday (Earth Day 2016)



Liz and Daniel from the [Lempen Puppet Theatre Company](#) came in this week and introduced us to the world of puppetry. It was wonderful to see some of their turtle puppets close up. They will be back on Friday 22nd to do a puppet workshop with our Year 5 and 6.

The Lempen Puppet Theatre Company are working together with the UK based [Marine Conservation Society](#), [TCFAF](#) and various other organisation to bring a series of workshops and theatrical performances to students across our islands. The project is focused on raising awareness about sustaining healthy turtle populations. We feel very fortunate to be able to be included in this project.

During the workshop, children will learn about puppet making and how to animate puppets and will make some turtle puppets. They will also be encouraged to think creatively about how we learn from stories and how we communicate ideas through story and performance. They will explore the story of 'Fisherman Joe and the Three Brothers' - a story written in partnership with The Marine Conservation Society that explores the shared responsibility of caring for our marine environment and new laws on turtle conservation.

Artist, Lucie Winton Stubbs, from [Driftwood Studios](#) will be coming in to work with our Year 3 and 4 classes on Friday. Under her guidance, each child will create their own turtle painting on canvas with acrylic paints.



Please collect cereal boxes

for our Year 5 and 6 to use
to make their turtle puppets.



Bring them in by Friday. 22nd.

Resources at home

- Check your bookshelves for any books about turtles;
 - Perhaps you have a turtle soft toy you might want to bring in;
- Let us know if you know anyone else with any turtle knowledge who may be interested to join us, or who might like to volunteer with some cooking or crafts.



We look forward to a **'TURTLEY'**
fantastic Turtle Week!





present

The Amazing Thing

A Magical Puppet Show

from the

Lempen Puppet Theatre

SAT 23rd April 2016

Shows at 2PM & 6PM

Brayton Hall



*"As I was walking down the beach, one bright and sunny day,
I saw a great big wooden box, a-floating in the bay.*

*I pulled it in and opened it up, and there to my surprise,
I discovered a ...?... right before my eyes!"*

Storyteller, Peter Grimm opens the box to find a 'Thing' that takes him on an unusual Journey, weaving it's way through a medley of well known Brother's Grimm tales, to finally unlock his imagination and free his stories.

With puppets, acting and live music.

Fun, inspiration and delight for all the family.



ArtProvo



Tickets – \$5—Children; \$10—Adults; \$25—Balcony

Available at Unicorn Bookstore, Art Provo,
and reserved as *Will Call* at TCFAF@outlook.com



On Friday 29th April there will be a special performance of 'Fisherman Joe and the Three Brothers' by High School students at the Edward Garland Youth Centre. The performance is set to start at 5:30pm. This culminates and celebrates the Lempen workshops that have taken place throughout the islands. We encourage your support at this event.