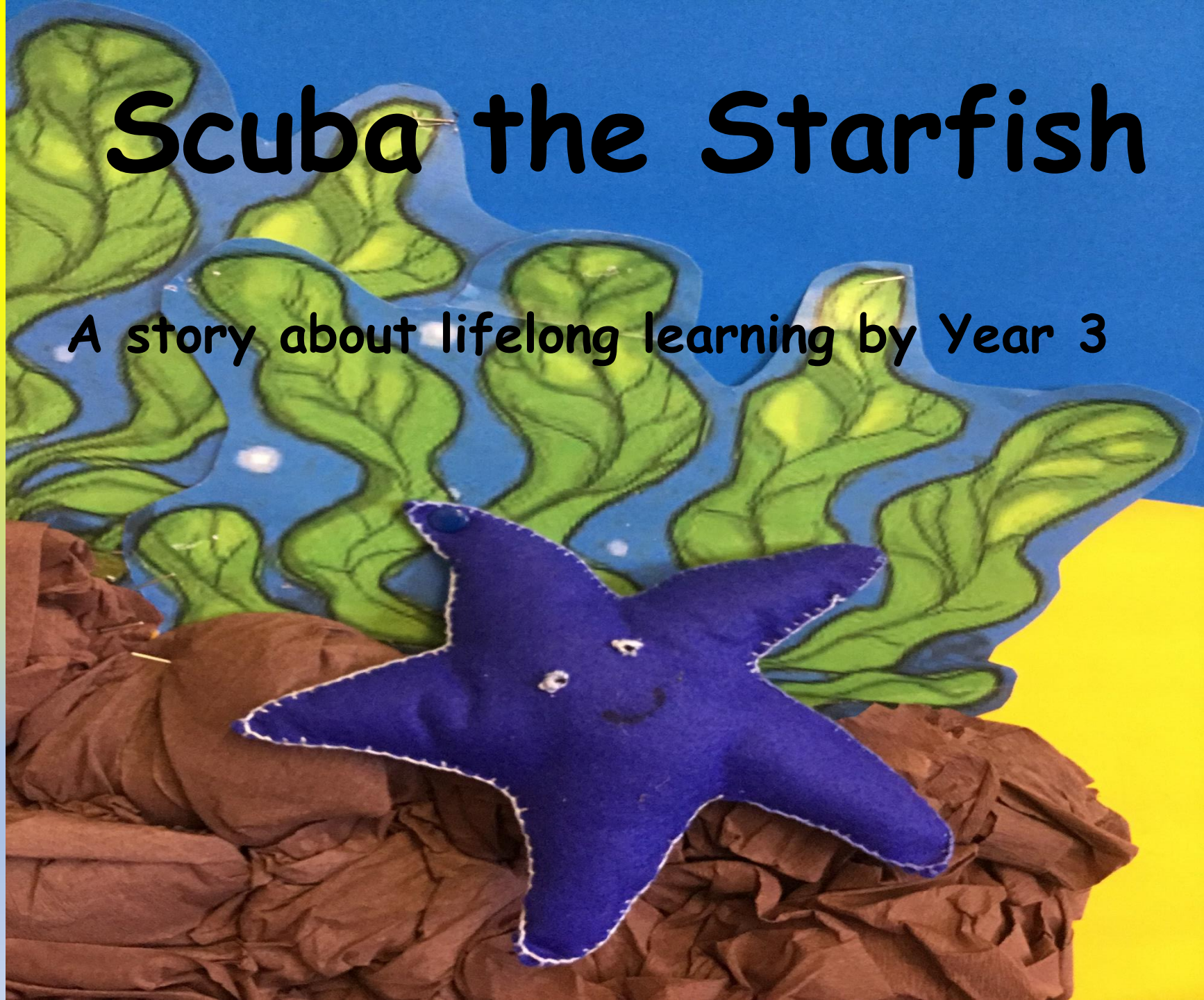


Scuba the Starfish

A story about lifelong learning by Year 3



In a place, not far from here, down by the shore, there lived a bright, blue starfish and his name was Scuba. Now Scuba was a very inquisitive starfish and he was always asking questions. Every time he saw a whale out at sea he would always ask his mother the same question.

"Mum, where is the whale going?" Scuba would ask.

"He's going to find his friends in the school," his mum would reply.

Now Scuba knew a thing or two about school, he saw the children passing his rock pool every morning on their way to school, and he knew that if you worked hard at school you could become anything you wanted to be.

So Scuba decided that when he was bigger he wanted to be a whale and go to school with the other whales.



Scuba would often chat to the children he met on the path, he would always tell them the same thing and ask them the same question.

He would tell them about the whales and his dream of being able to go to school.

"Oh Scuba you can't be a whale because you're a starfish!" replied Lilly. I like to ride and when I am older I am going to be an amazing horse rider, so I need to keep practising, and off she trotted.



"Scuba, you can't be a whale because you are a star fish!" laughed Thomas and Harry.

When we grow up we want to be professional footballers, so we need to keep fit and healthy. Maybe you could do some star jumps with us, you would be good at that."

Scuba enjoyed doing the star jumps with the boys, but he didn't think it was as much fun as going to school would be.

Every day Scuba met different children, but every day they told him the same thing.

"Scuba, you can't be a whale because you are a star fish!" said Grace. I like running, when I am older I want to be in team GB and win an Olympic medal, so I need to keep training, and off she jogged to school.

"Scuba, you can't be a whale because you are a star fish!" said Isabelle sadly. When I grow up I want to be a rock star, so I need to keep practising my singing and dancing, and with that she skipped off.





Scuba liked talking to the children he met on the path, but every day he felt sadder and sadder. All the children knew what they wanted to be when they grew up.

Skye wanted to be a singer and Priya wanted to be a jockey.



Eva wanted to be a teacher, Ebru wanted to be a play specialist, and Ava wanted to be a vet.



James wanted to be a drummer, he loved playing his drums at home.

Hannah wanted to be tennis player and Heidi wanted to be a swimming teacher. Scuba thought this was a great idea, he loved swimming too.



William wanted to be a DJ just like his dad, and Luke dreamed of being a scientist in a lab surrounded by test tubes and potions.

The children weren't being mean to Scuba, they didn't understand that he really thought he could be a whale when he grew up.



Then one morning Scuba met two boys on their way to school, Oscar and Oliver. He told them of his dream to become a whale when he grew up.

Oscar told Scuba how he wanted to be a sports commentator, and Oliver told him he wanted to be a Lego builder.

The boys were surprised that Scuba thought he had to be a whale to go to school. They told him everyone could go to school and they invited him to go to school with them the next day. The boys told Scuba all the things he would need to pack in his bag and arranged to meet him on the path the next morning.

Scuba rushed home to tell his mother and to pack his bag. He didn't need to pack any curiosity, Scuba had lots of questions he wanted to know the answers to.

He packed a little bit of hope, because he hoped he would make lots of new friends. He packed a little bit of confidence, because he knew there would be times he would need to be brave, he packed a little bit of belief as he knew if he really tried his best he could do this, and just in case he needed it, he packed a little bit of resilience, because sometimes things are harder than you think.

Now Scuba loved school, in fact he loved it so much that when he grew up he didn't become a whale, he became a teacher! Scuba started his own school so all the other little starfish could go to school and learn something new every day, just like we do.

