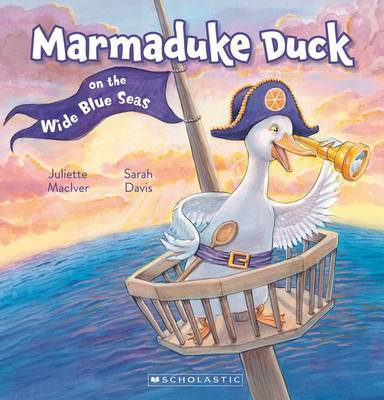
This week your child’s class is reading

Marmaduke Duck on the Wide Blue Seas

By Juliette McIver and Sarah Davis



Some new words your child is learning

**Brave** means to be ready to face danger and be courageous.

**Depart** is when somebody goes away or leaves.

A **breeze** is a very light wind.

**Hoist** means to lift or haul something up using a mechanical device.

Some new sounds your child is learning

‘m’ as in mud, man and moon

‘d’ as in duck and dog

Some fun ways you can play with sounds at home

Use playdough, modelling clay, pipe cleaners or even blocks to make the shapes of this week’s letters. Practice making the ‘m’ sound which you’re creating your letters.

Talk about how the letter looks, and then brainstorm some words that start with its sound. Your child may remember some of the words from class to start you off! When your child finds a word encourgae them to say the name and the letter sound e.g. mug starts with an ‘m’ sound.

Write the letters and have them around you home – draw your child’s attention to them every time you see them and practice the sound.

Hide objects or toys that start with the same letter as the one you are targeting and go on a ‘letter’ treasure hunt – see who can get the most of each letter. When they find them get them to yell out the sound!

If you are reading a book with them see who can find any words that start with a ‘m’ or a ‘d’ the fastest. If they are able to, get them to read the word aloud, or support them in doing this. Practice making the ‘m’ or ‘d’ sound.

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