



Dear parents and carers,

Tuesday 24th March, 2020

Apologies for a second daily update. So much to share with you all at the moment.

Have you noticed that pictures of rainbows have started springing up in windows since the coronavirus outbreak? We, amongst other schools, are encouraging children to put up their rainbow paintings and drawings to spread hope and to send a message to other vulnerable people that we are thinking of them. Hopefully, it will bring everybody a little bit of joy. Please share via Seesaw photographs of your child holding their rainbow picture, before you put it in your window.

I sent out details of Warwickshire's Welfare Scheme for pupils who are signed up for free school meals via email yesterday. I've copied these out for you below, just in case you need them again:

Warwickshire's Welfare Scheme Details. If children are registered for Free School Meals parents/carers can apply for assistance to buy food whilst they are not at school. This will be through a £30 voucher per child that they will receive via text/SMS to their mobile and can be exchanged for cash at any Paypoint outlet. We are currently offering six weeks of support as we do not know how long schools will be closed for. From Monday 23rd March 2020, our Local Welfare Scheme Team will be happy to help and parents/carers can apply using either of these methods: calling on 0800 4081448 or 01926 359182. You will be asked for each child's name, date of birth and a valid mobile number emailing us at warwickshirelocalwelfarescheme@warwickshire.gov.uk. You will need to include each child's name, date of birth and a valid mobile number Please be patient when calling as they are anticipating a high volume of enquiries. We can confirm that you can contact the Warwickshire Welfare Scheme at any time during the six weeks and you will still be eligible for the full amount.

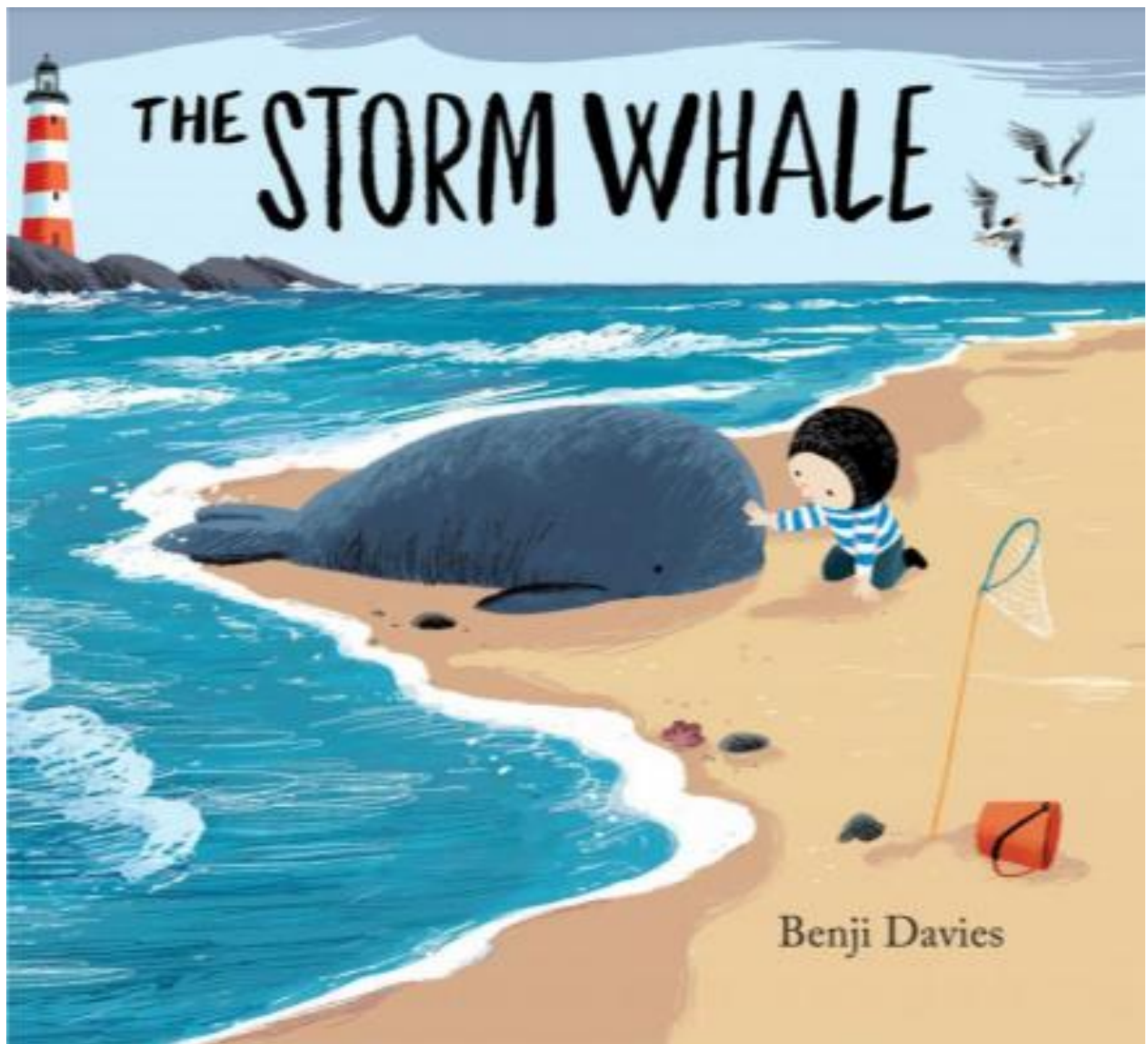
Story-time has always been one of my favourite times as a teacher and a mum. I'm sharing with you today the beginning of a picture book by one of my favourite author-illustrators, Benji Davies. His wonderful picture books are suitable for children (and grown-ups!) of all ages. I hope that you enjoy sharing this with your child/ren today. Please encourage them to look really closely at the illustrations so that they are thinking deeply about the characters and setting. I've included some questions under each page for you to discuss.

Sending love and compassion during this difficult time. I truly hope all of our school community is doing well under the circumstances.

With very best wishes,

Jacquie Birch

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What can you see on the front cover?

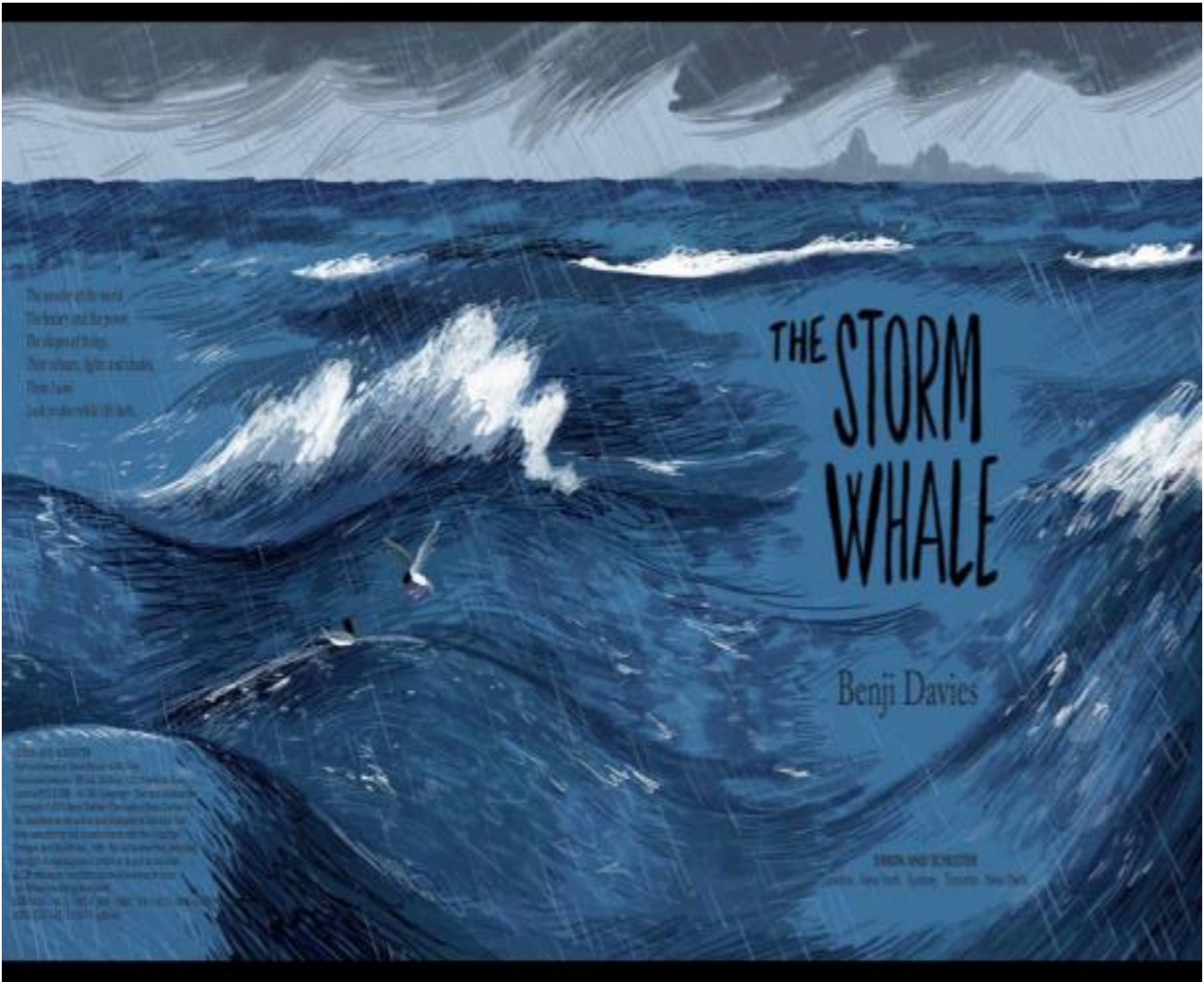
What do you think this story might be about?

Who do you think is the main character?

Where do you think the story will be set?



Do you know what a group of whales is called?



The wonder of the world
The beauty and the power
The shapes of things
The colors, light and shades
There is so
Look inside and it will be

THE STORM WHALE

Benji Davies

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Noi lived with his dad and six cats by the sea.

Who do you think lives here? What do you think the houses are made of? What is the thing on the roof of the nearest house? What do you think Noi like doing? Why do you think there are so many cats there? What are the 'baskets' by the side of the house? What type of birds are they?



Every day, Noi's dad left early for a long day's work on his fishing boat.

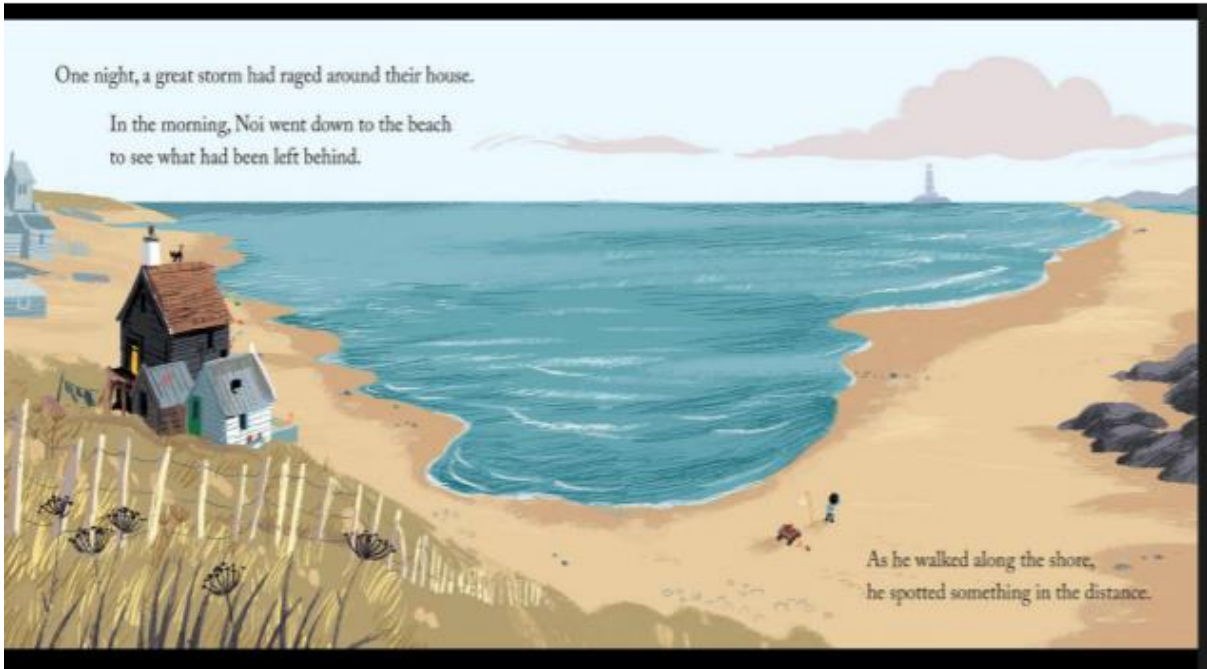


He wouldn't be home again till dark.

What kind of clock is it? What is the special name of Noi's dad's yellow coat? What is the stove in the left of the picture used for? Does it look different to your cooker? How do you think it works? How do you think Noi feels when his dad goes out fishing all day? What do you think Noi does when his dad goes out fishing all day?

One night, a great storm had raged around their house.

In the morning, Noi went down to the beach
to see what had been left behind.



As he walked along the shore,
he spotted something in the distance.

What do you think Noi has spotted in the distance? What do you think is going to happen next in the story?