

MR BLOOM'S NURSERY - series 2

"SEASIDE" by Simon Davies

Scene 1 - Opening Sequence

Scene 2 - Opening Song

Scene 3 - Veggie Sketch

WE MIX FROM TITLES TO A CLOSE-UP OF A LARGE CONCH/SEASHELL.
WE WIDEN TO INCLUDE JOAN WHO IS LISTENING TO IT...
AFTER A BEAT RAYMOND ENTERS

RAYMOND

Hello Joan. That's a funny looking vegetable.

JOAN

It's not a vegetable...it's a seashell.

RAYMOND

Oh.

JOAN

If you listen to a seashell like this - you can sometimes hear the sound of the sea.

RAYMOND

Can I have a go?

RAYMOND PRESSES HIS HEAD UP TO THE CONCH; LISTENS

RAYMOND

I can't hear a thing!

JOAN

That's because you're on the wrong side.

RAYMOND SHUFFLES ROUND UNTIL HE'S NEXT TO JOAN; LISTENS

RAYMOND

EXCITED Joan! Joan! I can hear the sea!!!!

JOAN

Oh, I love the sea. And I love the sun too. But d'you know what I love best of all?

RAYMOND

Is it manure Joan?

JOAN

No. Playing by the seaside on a lovely, sunny day!

RAYMOND

Well it's a lovely, sunny day today!

JOAN

Is it? (EXCITED) Well in that case...let's go!!

RAYMOND

Go where?

JOAN

Where d'you think? Where there's sunshine and sand!

RAYMOND

The Playpark?

JOAN

No. Somewhere where there's ice creams!

RAYMOND

The Supermarket?

JOAN

No Raymond! The seaside. Let's go to the seaside!!!!!!!

RAYMOND

Oh, the seaside. Why didn't you say so before??

JOAN

(FLABBERGHASTED) Oh Raymond! Let's go and get ready....

JOAN EXITS

RAYMOND TURNS BACK TO THE CONCH

RAYMOND

I wonder what else you can hear?

WE MIX TO A CLOSE-UP OF THE CONCH AND HEAR THE SOUND OF THE SEASIDE/WAVES...THEN WE HEAR TIDDLER'S VOICES IN THE DISTANCE

RAYMOND

V/O Oh! That sounds like the Tiddlers arriving...

Scene 4.1 Mr Bloom Welcomes the Tiddlers to The Allotment

TIDDLERS BURST INTO THE ALLOTMENT

MR BLOOM

Hello young Tiddlers...welcome to my allotment.

TIDDLERS

HELLO

MR BLOOM

LOOKS UP TO THE SKY; Now, what kind of day is it today?

TIDDLERS

IT'S A SUNNY DAY.

MR BLOOM

It *is* a sunny day....and plants love the sun! Will you help me choose a nice, sunny spot for these strawberry plants?

TIDDLERS

Yeeeees!!

Scene 4.2 Mr Bloom and Tiddlers Plant Some Strawberry Plants

MR BLOOM GIVES THE TIDDLERS A POTTED STRAWBERRY PLANT EACH

MR BLOOM

Right, you bring the strawberry plants and I'll bring the trowel. Shout out if you see a nice, sunny spot!

THEY WALK THROUGH THE ALLOTMENT; TIDDLERS SUGGEST SOME SUNNY PLACES TO PLANT; MR BLOOM REACTS...(MAYBE THERE ARE PLANTS ALREADY GROWING THERE....OR MAYBE THERE'S NOT ENOUGH ROOM FOR THE 3 OR 4 STRAWBERRY PLANTS THEY'VE BROUGHT WITH THEM).

FINALLY, TIDDLERS CHOOSE A GOOD, SUNNY SPOT.

MR BLOOM

Oh yes, I think our strawberry plants will be very happy here.

WE SEE MR BLOOM DIGGING A SMALL HOLE WITH HIS TROWEL.

MR BLOOM

Now, each of you gently turn your pot upside down and pull the strawberry plant out. Can you see the roots?

(WE SEE CUTAWAY OF THE ROOTS; TIDDLERS REACT)

Put the plant in the hole and I'll fill around it with some earth.

DURING THE PLANTING MR BLOOM CHATS TO TIDDLERS;

MR BLOOM

Do *you* like it when it's sunny Tiddlers?

TIDDLERS

COMMENT

MR BLOOM

Plants love the sun! Do you know why?

TIDDLERS REACT/ANSWER

MR BLOOM

It's because plants get their energy from the sun.

THE PLANTS ARE NOW IN THE GROUND

MR BLOOM

Plants love something else just as much as they love the sun...can you guess what that something-else is?

TIDDLERS

GUESS

MR BLOOM

I'll give you a clue....it drops down from the clouds and the plants need it to drink!

TIDDLERS

Raaaaaaaaain!!!

MR BLOOM

That's right Tiddlers, rain! "Plants love the sun *and* the rain"

MR BLOOM LOOKS UP AT THE SKY

Though I don't know where we're going to get any rain from today!!

WE CUT-AWAY TO COMPO AS HE SOUNDS/FLASHES/CALLS

MR BLOOM

V/O That's Compo calling us!

WE CUT BACK TO MR BLOOM/TIDDLERS

MR BLOOM

Maybe Compo can help us get some rain, shall we ask him?

TIDDLERS

Yeeeeees!

MR BLOOM AND TIDDLERS WALK OUT OF SHOT

Scene 4.3 Tiddlers Ask Compo for some Rain

WE MIX TO COMPO AS MR BLOOM AND TIDDLERS ENTER

MR BLOOM

Hello Compo. The Tiddlers want to ask you for something...

TIDDLERS

SHOUT DOWN THE SPOUT

We want some rain!!!

COMPO SOUNDS AND SQUIRTS WATER OVER THE TIDDLERS

TIDDLERS

REACT; LAUGH

A DRAWER OPENS AND TIDDLERS TAKE OUT SOME WATERING CANS

MR BLOOM

Compo's got the answer – we can make our own rain!

Scene 4.4 Mr Bloom and Tiddlers Water the Plants

MUSIC UNDERPINS;

WE MIX TO CLOSE-UP SHOT OF RAIN-LIKE WATER FALLING ON THE PLANTS

WE WIDEN TO INCLUDE TIDDLERS WATERING THE STRAWBERRY PLANTS

MR BLOOM

A nice sunny spot...with lots to drink! These strawberry plants will be very happy here, do you know why Tiddlers?

MR BLOOM/TIDDLERS

Because 'plants love the sun and the rain!'

MR BLOOM

In fact, they might turn out like these!

(IF TIME) MR BLOOM REFERS TO SOME STRAWBERRY PLANTS THAT HAVE GOT RIPE, RED STRAWBERRIES ALREADY GROWING ON THEM.

Would you like to try some?

TIDDLERS

REACT

WE SEE MR BLOOM/TIDDLERS PICKING STRAWBERRIES.

WE SEE TIDDLERS AT THE TAP WASHING THEIR HANDS, WASHING A STRAWBERRY EACH...THEN BITING INTO IT.

MR BLOOM

Now Tiddlers, we've got lots of leftover-bits...what should we do with them?

Scene 5 - Compo Feeding Rhyme and Transformation

Scene 6 - Kids and Mr Bloom enter The Nursery

Scene 7 - Meet the Veggies Song

Scene 8 - Inside Mr Bloom's Nursery

Scene 8.1

Tiddlers guess where Joan and Raymond are going.

MR BLOOM AND TIDDLERS ENTER, RAYMOND AND JOAN ARE WAITING TO GREET THEM, WEARING THEIR SWIMMING COSTUMES!

TIDDLERS SAY HELLO TO THE VEGGIES

RAYMOND

Mr Bloom! We're going out for the day!

MR BLOOM

Where are you going?

JOAN

Guess.

MR BLOOM

Tiddlers, can *you* guess where they're going?

TIDDLERS

GUESS (WILL BE OBVIOUS WITH THE SWIMMING COSTUMES ON)

JOAN

The seaside! It's such a lovely, sunny day we're off to the seaside!

RAYMOND

You can hear the seaside if you listen to this seashell.

MR BLOOM HOLDS CONCH; TIDDLERS LISTEN AND COMMENT.

COLIN RUSHES IN WITH HIS SWIMMING COSTUME OR SWIMMING HAT ON

COLIN

Seaside Bean! Seaside Bean!

TIDDLERS SAY HELLO TO COLIN

WE CUT TO TOM AND BARBARA ON THE SHELF

BARBARA

Oh, I wish I was going with them.

TOM

I wish you were going with them too!

BARBARA

Cheeky!

Scene 8.2

Tiddlers help Joan and Raymond get ready for the seaside

JOAN

Does anyone know what we should take with us?

MR BLOOM

What should Joan and Raymond take with them to the seaside?

TIDDLERS

MAKE SEVERAL SUGGESTIONS/COMMENTS

COMPO SUDDENLY SOUNDS AND CALLS TO THEM

MR BLOOM

I think Compo's got some ideas. Let's have a look.

COMPO OPENS HIS DRAWERS AND TIDDLERS TAKE THINGS OUT;
SOME UMBRELLAS, SOME WELLIES, A FEW RAINHATS

JOAN

They're not for wearing in the sun, they're for wearing in the rain!

RAYMOND

Why is Compo give us rainy things to wear?

COMPO SOUNDS/ALARMS

MR BLOOM

Oh-oh, that sounds important...what is it Compo?

WE CUT TO COMPO'S SCREEN FOR A WEATHER FLASH!

WE SEE 4 CHILDREN'S DRAWN PICTURES OF THE SEASIDE ON A BOARD;
THE SEA, THE BEACH, SAND, A BOAT ETC....BUT ALL WITH RAIN DRAWN
OVER THEM

IN FRONT OF IT IS THE MARROW DRESSED LIKE A WEATHER-GIRL

MARROW

And here is the weather forecast for the seaside today!
It's going to be rainy.
On the sand....rain.
Along the beach....rain.
In the sea....rain, rain and yet more rain.
And, that ends this weather forecast for the seaside today!

MR BLOOM

Oh dear. (QUIETLY) We'd better tell Joan and Raymond.

JOAN

What is it?

TIDDLERS

EXPLAIN TO JOAN AND RAYMOND THAT IT'S RAINING AT THE SEASIDE

JOAN

It's raining? At the seaside?

RAYMOND

Then...we can't go!

TIDDLERS

Poor Joan – Poor Raymond.

RAYMOND

Can I have a hug please?

TIDDLERS GIVE RAYMOND A HUG

MR BLOOM

Do you want a hug, Joan?

JOAN

No, no...I'm alright. We should just get changed out of these swimming costumes.

TIDDLERS WATCH AS JOAN AND RAYMOND SLOWLY EXIT

COLIN

Sad Bean!

MR BLOOM

I wish there was something we could do, Tiddlers.

Scene 8.3 Mr Bloom and Tiddlers make their own seaside.

COMPO CALL/SOUNDS

MR BLOOM

Maybe Compo's got an idea.

WE CUT TO SEE COMPO'S DRAWERS OPENING.

MR BLOOM

What's Compo got for us?

TIDDERS TAKE OUT SEVERAL SEASIDEY THINGS AND COMMENT.
MR BLOOM CONFIRMS WHAT THEY ARE;

A LARGE, STRIPEY BEACH TOWEL
A BUCKET AND SPADE
A PIECE OF CARD CUT OUT IN THE SHAPE OF THE SUN
SOME YELLOW CRAYONS
A SMALL, STRIPEY WIND-BREAK

MR BLOOM

Lots of seasidey things!! What d'you think Compo wants us to do?

TIDDLERS

COMMENT

MR BLOOM

You're right. Let's make our own seaside...right here in the Nursery!!

TIDDLERS

CHEER

MARGARET

Can I help, Mr Bloom? I can do some colouring...

MR BLOOM

Of course, Margaret. This sun needs colouring in. Who wants to do some colouring with Margaret?

TIDDLER

Me.

MARGARET

TO TIDDLER Thankyou....what colour shall we make the sun?

TIDDLER ANSWERS

WE CUT TO COLIN AT THE SANDPIT

COLIN

Sandy Bean! Sandy Bean!

MR BLOOM

Who wants to make a sandcastle with Colin?

TIDDLER

Meeeeeee!

MR BLOOM

Ok...here's your bucket and spade.

LIFTS UP WIND-BREAK

And I need a hand putting this wind-break up....will you help me?

REMAINING TIDDLER/S

Yes!

MR BLOOM

C'mon then everyone...let's make a seaside!!

WE CUT TO TOM AND BARBARA ON THE SHELF

TOM

What are they doing?

BARBARA

They're making a sunny seaside for Joan and Raymond to play in! Do try and keep up Tom.

TOM

I'll try...

8.4 Montage of everyone making a seaside

WE CUT TO COMPO AS HE STARTS TO PLAY INSTRUMENTAL VERSION OF;
"OH, I DO LIKE TO BE BESIDE THE SEASIDE" IN BARREL-ORGAN MODE

MUSIC UNDERPINS;

WE MIX TO MARGARET AND TIDDLER COLOURING IN THE SUN. WE SEE
CUTAWAY OF TIDDLER COLOURING WITH A CRAYON

WE MIX TO COLIN AND TIDDLER IN THE SANDPIT; TIDDLER IS PATTING SAND
INTO THE BUCKET WITH THE SPADE

TIDDLER TURNS BUCKET UPSIDEDOWN NEXT TO THE SEASHELL/CONCH;
PULLS BUCKET OFF TO REVEAL SAND CASTLE; WE SEE CLOSE-UP OF IT

WE MIX TO MR BLOOM AND TIDDLER AS THEY PLACE WIND-BREAK AROUND
THE STRIPEY-TOWEL ON THE FLOOR

WE CUTAWAY TO SEE THE WEE MACGREGGORS EXCITEDLY LOOKING ON

AS THE MUSIC FINISHES WE MIX TO A CLOSE-UP OF THE YELLOW SUN – WE
PULL OUT TO REVEAL IT'S HANGING FROM A STICK, STUCK IN THE SANDPIT

WE PULL OUT WIDER TO REVEAL EVERYONE IS THERE AND THE SEASIDE
SCENE IS SET

Scene 8.5 Joan and Raymond Gets a Seaside Surprise.

MR BLOOM

Well done everyone...it's just like the seaside!
Shall we call them in? Ready, One...two...three....

ALL

Joan!! Raymond!!

JOAN ENTERS

ALL

Surpriiiiiiiiiise!!!

COMPO PLAYS BARREL-ORGAN INTRO TO "THE SEASIDE SONG"

MR BLOOM/TIDDLERS

SING; "Oh I do like to be beside the seaside...."

SUDDENLY, COMPO STOPS PLAYING; THEY ALL STOP SINGING

WE CUT TO A SHOT OF JOAN. SHE'S DRESSED UP IN RAIN COAT AND HAT

MR BLOOM

Joan! What are you wearing?

JOAN

I'm wearing my rainy-day things.

MR BLOOM?

But why? We've made a sunny seaside for you...because you love the sun!

JOAN

Oh, thank you very much everybody. And I do love the sun, I suddenly realised that I love the rain too!

WE CUT TO RAYMOND IN HIS RAINY COSTUME

RAYMOND

I love the sun and the rain as well!!

WE CUT TO MARGARET

MARGARET

Mr Bloom, I've always loved the sun and I love the rain...very much!!

WE CUT TO THE WEE MACGREGGORS

WEE MACGREGGORS

BOUNCE UP AND DOWN WITH COCKTAIL UMBRELLAS ON THEIR HEADS
MAKING AN ENTHUSIASTIC SOUND

MR BLOOM

V/O I'm guessing The Wee MacGreggors love the sun and the rain!

WE CUT TO TOM AND BARBARA ON THE SHELF

BOTH

We both love the sun *and* the rain!

MR BLOOM

Have we forgotten someone?

COLIN

COLIN.

WE CUT TO COLIN AS HE POPS UP ON TOP OF COMPO WITH SWIMMING TRUNKS ON THE BOTTOM AND AN OVERSIZED SOWESTER OVER HIS HEAD

COLIN

Sunny Bean-Rainy Bean!! Sunny Bean-Rainy Bean!!

ALL

LAUGH

MR BLOOM

In that case we're ready to play come rain or shine.

SEBASTIAN POPS UP

SEBASTIAN

Hello my friends! Sebastian here...

MUSIC STARTS AND SEBASTIAN INTRO'S THE SONG; HE STARTS TO SING

MR BLOOM, TIDDLERS AND VEGGIES JOIN IN – SINGING AND DANCING AROUND THE SEASIDE HOLDING THEIR UMBRELLAS

Scene 9 End Song and Goodnight Veggies