

AN AQUARIUM

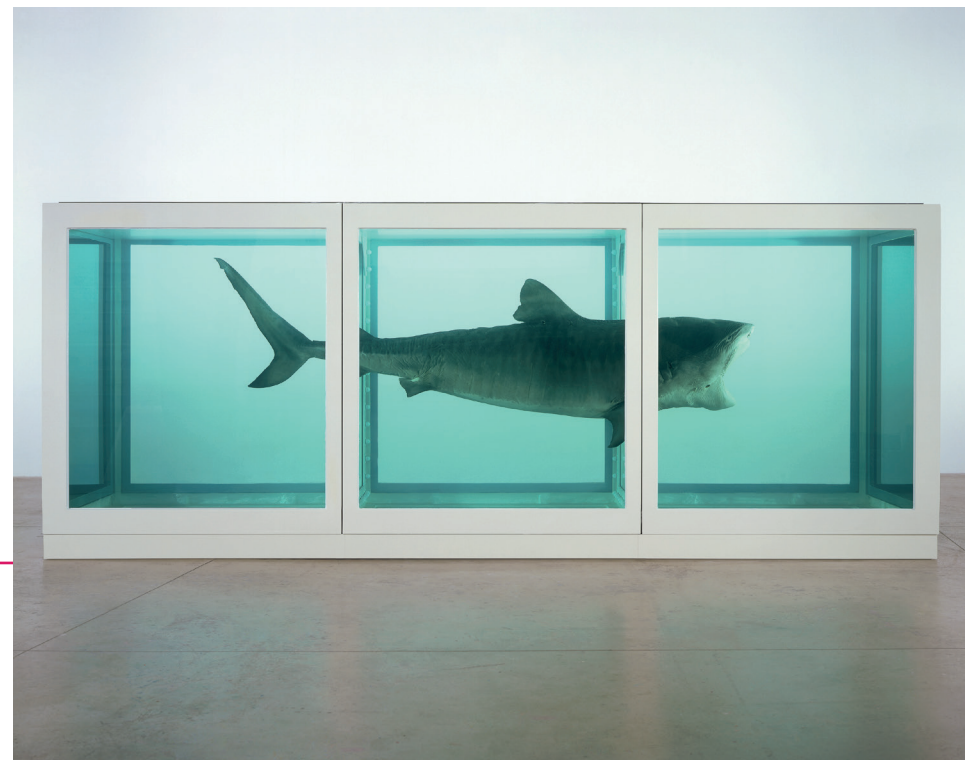
Level: Primary 5th year (Natural Science)

Time: 2 sessions

Materials:

- ✔ two paper plates
- ✔ different coloured card
- ✔ plastic sheets /cling film
- ✔ scissors
- ✔ glue
- ✔ felt tips
- ✔ blue paint and paintbrushes
- ✔ sequins or glitter
- ✔ small pebbles

Damien Hirst



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FUN FACTS

- ✔ Damien Hirst got a grade E in Art at school.
- ✔ He is the UK's richest living artist.
- ✔ He has become a symbol of Britart worldwide.
- ✔ He is famous for making works of art from a dead shark and sheep. The tiger shark is preserved in formaldehyde in a vitrine.
- ✔ His work of art Lullaby Spring sold for \$19.2 million in 2007 – Europe's most expensive work of art by a living artist.





Basic description:

During today's session we will create an aquarium. We have to tell the pupils in advance to bring the necessary materials, in this case, two paper plates and small pebbles, to make their work of art. We will start by presenting *The Physical Impossibility of Death in the Mind of Someone Living*, by Damien Hirst. We will ask what they know about this artist. After this short introduction, we will explain the steps to follow.

Lesson Plan:

First session: (15 min) Explain and talk to your children about Damien Hirst.
(30 min) Steps 1-3 should be completed in the first session.

Second session: (30 min) Steps 4-8 should be completed in the second session.
(15 min) Close the session with a game related to the topic.

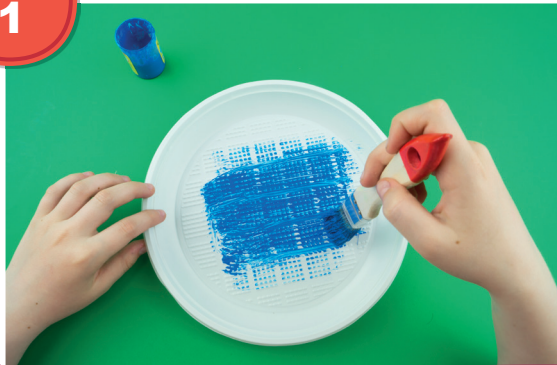
Game:

Play a word game related to the ecosystem of the ocean. Put the class into teams and set a time limit. Pupils write down as many words connected to the ecosystem as they can. The team with the most correct words wins.

Learning Outcomes:

- ▶ Knows words related to the ecosystem of the ocean.
- ▶ Makes three-dimensional works planning the process and choosing the best way of doing it.

Step 1



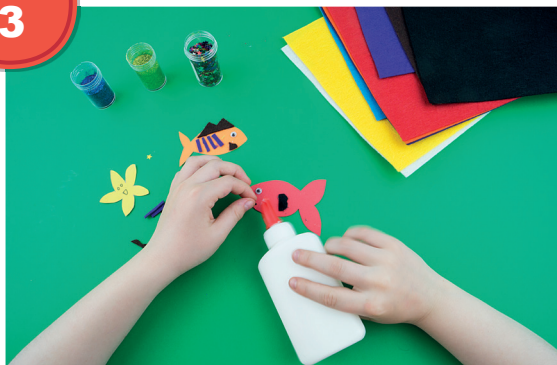
Paint the inside of a paper plate blue.

Step 2



Draw and cut out fish and seaweed.

Step 3



Decorate the fish with your felt tips.

Step 4



Glue the fish and seaweed onto the blue plate. Decorate the aquarium with pebbles and glitter or sequins.

Step 5



Cut out the bottom of the second paper plate.

Step 6



Glue the plastic sheet to the outside of the second paper plate.

Step 7



Glue second paper plate to the first paper plate to make the aquarium.

Step 8



Show the aquarium to your classmates.