

LIFE'S A BEACH! - A SEAGRASS SAFARI

Climb on board the Unimog for a Coastal Safari along Spurn Point. Play I Spy on your journey to where the land meets the sea, spot amazing native animals and find out who hides among the seagrass meadows and oyster beds. Discover who lives and works at this special place and why it needs protecting.



Foundation



Science, Geography
& Citizenship



40 Minutes

CURRICULUM LINKS

This story and play session introduces children to our local coast, specifically Spurn Point, the Humber Estuary and the animals who make it their home. Learn about the important work of the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust and the restoration of seagrass meadows and oyster beds.

The session links with Early Learning Goals in 'Understanding the World' and 'Living Things and their Environment' and considers the issues of climate change and recycling, KS1 Citizenship objectives.

OBJECTIVES

For the children to:

- To identify native animals who live among the coastal environments on the East Coast.
- To understand the simple life cycle of a seagrass plant.
- To explore, sort, count and record findings from a 'Beach Tidy'.
- To understand how and why new habitats are created and why this is important.
- To know how our seas and estuaries are used by animals and humans.

LEARNING SESSION CONTENT

INPUT (STORY)

Join Adam and Sam's adventure on board the Spurn Point Unimog in this 'I Spy'-based story. Help our two children explore the environment, spot some of the native animals who live there and understand why we need to protect this special place.

FREE CHOICE ACTIVITIES

1. What's for Lunch?

Complete puzzles to identify native birds that live at Spurn Point and the food they eat.

2. Seagrass sacks

Simulate the creation of seagrass sacks which would be transplanted into the sheltered mudflats to restore the seagrass meadows.

3. Beach Tidy and Oyster Scrub

Use magnifiers and sort, count and record findings from a Spurn Point 'Beach Tidy'. Prepare Oysters to return to the estuary ready to restore the Oyster Reef like the YWT.

4. What's Hiding in the Seagrass?

Create a seagrass meadow with our native animal figures and find out who is hiding in the seagrass.

5. Hide and Seek

Practise fine motor skills to construct a seahorse and learn why the seagrass is so important to them.

6. Life on the Water

Using small world toys children recreate the environment around Spurn Point.

PLENARY

Answer the question: Why is conservation at Spurn Point so important?