



TURTLE ART

Meet Rio the river turtle, and then make a mini-Rio.

This story and art session allows children to learn about The Deep's River turtles before making a turtle puppet of their own.

This session allows children to develop skills in the area of expressive arts and design.



KS1



Art & Design



40 Minutes

OVERVIEW & CURRICULUM LINKS

A session that links with both the EYFS and KS1 Art & Design curriculum, also with Maths work on patterns in addition to Citizenship: caring for animals and the environment

OBJECTIVES

For the children to:

- learn some basic facts about river turtles
- make a turtle puppet from their own selection of materials
- recognise and create simple repeating patterns

LEARNING SESSION CONTENT

STORY INPUT

The session begins with the story of Rio the river turtle who swims into trouble with an old piece of fishing net. Luckily a kind human comes to the rescue and Rio is saved. Alternately we can give a short illustrated talk on both river and sea turtles and the similarities and differences between them.

DEMONSTRATION AND ACTIVITY

We demonstrate the techniques needed to make a small turtle puppet using card, pencils, scissors, and masking tape. We provide templates for the turtle shells, but the head and limbs are cut out freehand. Children can choose from a variety of coloured card to construct their turtles.

Next we show the children different turtle shell patterns. Finally we demonstrate some of the decorative techniques and materials they can use to apply pattern and texture to their turtle's shell.

To decorate their turtles, children can draw shell patterns with felt tip pens and metallic crayons and/or apply pattern and texture using stickers and collage materials.

PLENARY

Opportunity for a class photo. Watch the video of our Loggerhead turtles in the exhibit.