

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.



THE DEEP
For conservation, not profit



EYFS



- Geography
- Science
- Citizenship



40 mins



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CURRICULUM LINKS

The session links with the Early Learning Goals for:

Understanding the World; Living Things and their Environment. Citizenship: Issues surrounding climate change, ocean plastics and recycling.

OBJECTIVES

For learners to:

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

LEARNING SESSION CONTENT

PLANT THE SEED

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.

GROW THE SHOOTS (Free choice activities)

What's for Lunch? Complete puzzles to identify native birds that live at Spurn Point and the food they eat.

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

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 Yorkshire Wildlife Trust.

What's Hiding in the Seagrass? Create a seagrass meadow with native animal figures and find out who's hiding in the seagrass.

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

Life on the Water: Using small world toys learners recreate the environment around Spurn Point.

SPREAD THE MEADOW

Answer the question:

Why is conservation at Spurn Point so important?