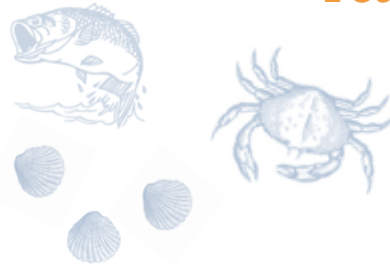


Let's find out about fish and shellfish



TEACHERS NOTES: **Fascinating Fish Facts:**

DID YOU KNOW. .

- 1. Rub the skin of a common sole from head to tail and it feels smooth rubbed from tail to head it is rough – just like a cats tongue.**
- 2. Fish skin such as salmon can be treated and used to make handbags and shoes.**
- 3. If you are very lucky you might find a pearl growing in an oyster – a piece of grit gets trapped inside the `lining` of the shell, causing the oyster secretes to secrete a special substance which builds up to form a beautiful pearl. Mussels too occasionally produce a pearl.**
- 4. Squid ink was known as sepia and was used to colour pictures**
- 5. Mussels produce a glue which is as strong as super glue. This forms part of the byssus thread which the mussel uses to attach itself to rocks, ropes, rafts etc. Going back into history this thread was used to sew up wounds.**
- 6. Eels spend most of their life in freshwater. When they mature they swim thousands of miles across the Atlantic ocean to the Sargasso Sea (the Sargasso Sea is located at the heart of the Bermuda triangle) to lay their eggs. Then they die!**
- 7. When flat fish are born they have an eye on each side and swim like round fish. But when they are still very small the eye moves to the darker skinned side leaving white skinned side of the fish with no eyes, sometimes the eye moves left sometimes right. Some fish are left “handed”.**
- 8. There is fish that smells like a cucumber called a smelt.**

