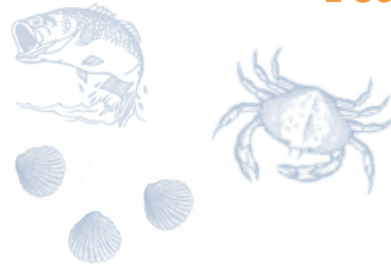
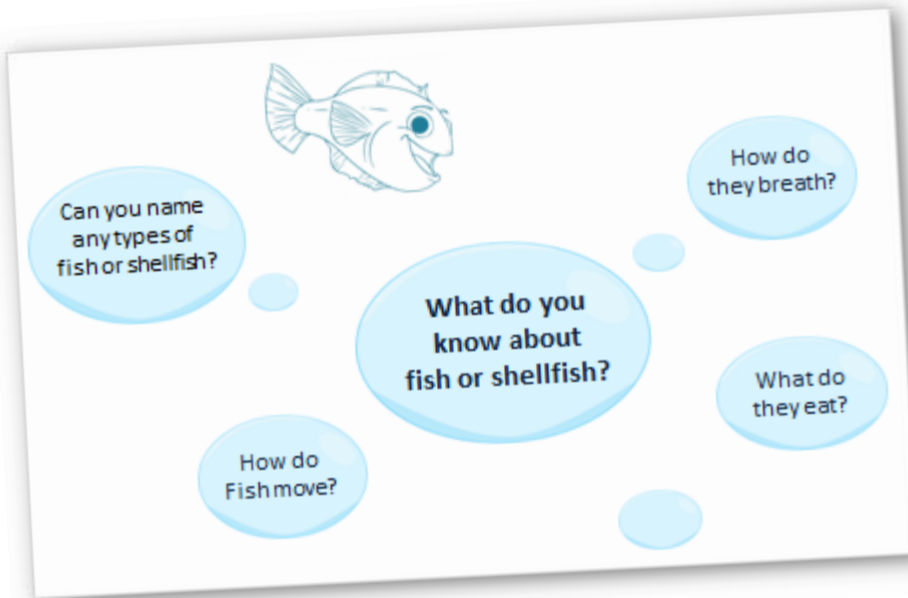


Let's find out about fish and shellfish



TEACHERS NOTES: INTRODUCTION

These notes help to explore the variety of fish and shellfish available and their common characteristics. To establish what the children know and extend their knowledge use a simple concept map highlighting some areas for discussion.



Top 5 species of fish eaten in the UK are?

1. Cod
2. Salmon
3. Prawns
4. Haddock
5. Tuna.

Billingsgate Market

sells between 120 -150 different types of fish and Shellfish so there are plenty more to suggest – Pollack, Coley (Saithe), Sea Bass, Sea Bream, Monkfish, Plaice, Halibut, Mackerel, Sardines, Snapper, Langoustine, Scallops, Mussels, Clams, Lobster, Octopus, Squid

Types of fish & shellfish

As well as naming types of fish they could be grouped according to their characteristics or habitat:

Plaice



Flat Fish or demersal species living on the sea bed, for example: plaice, dab, sole

Gurnard



Round fish (cylindrical in shape) some are **demersal** living near sea beds e.g. cod, gurnard & some are **pelagic** living towards the top of the sea, for example mackerel, sardines

Rainbow Trout



Freshwater fish that spend all or some of their life in rivers or lakes e.g. salmon, trout, eels, pike, perch, river cobbler/ basa, tilapia, catfish

Crab



Shellfish crustaceans like crab and prawns, molluscs like mussels, clams, whelks, cephalopods like squid and octopus.

