

Visual Arts Planning: The Seaside

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With so much to be inspired by, the seaside makes a great theme for learners. Explore water, rocks, shells and sea life through a range of exciting warm-ups and projects that cross printmaking, painting, sculpture and drawing.

Tell us what you are planning to cover or explore this term in your school or institution and we'll recommend resources or learning approaches which we think might feed your teaching.

Contact us by [email](#).



Explore our collection of Seaside resources

backwards forwards drawing



Facilitate the backwards, forwards drawing exercise

Drawing Fish with Pen, Pencil and Watercolour



Create mixed-media observational drawings

Drawing and Collaging Fish and Seeing Composition



Develop drawings across media

Water Soluble Felt-Tips With
Complementary Colours



Use shells as a source material to

explore line and colour

Working on black paper



A range of painting projects using black paper

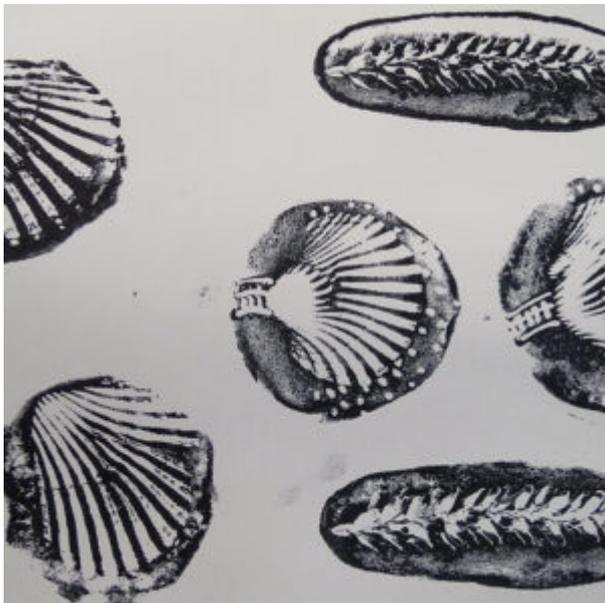
Drawing on Pebbles



Draw on flint, slate, brick and wood,

transforming them into 'fossils'

Printing with plasticine



Teachers use plasticine to print textures

Drawing Water



Create drawings inspired by studies of water by artists

Communal drawing! summer picnic



Create a collaborative drawing of a picnic

Drawing shells from collections



Create experimental drawings of shells

Painting a Still Life and seeing colour



[A step-by-step for painting a shell](#)

Making Painted and Sewn Landscapes



[Explore paint and thread to create a landscape](#)

detached and timeless painting



Explore capturing movement and sense of place

drawing as a support activity



Enable an exploration of drawing to support other disciplines.

working with and in the landscape



Be inspired by materials found in the environment

Observation and Imagination: Shells



Capture shells through observational and imaginative drawing

drawing spiral snails



[Explore recurring spiral shapes in nature](#)

Museum collections



[Create experimental drawings of shells](#)

Drawing shells big!



Explore tonal shading in drawings with large-scale shells

mark making and water



Make a group drawing of water

Coat hanger shells



[Create an experimental sculpture](#)

Dropped cone sculptures



[Create dropped ice cream cone sculptures](#)

making felt boats



Make colourful textile sailing boats

Making shells



Use shells to inspire building with materials

Making wave bowls



Create a bowl inspired by the seaside

making boats that float



What makes a boat float? An exploration of materials

Under the ocean mirrors



Create an exuberant and exotic frame for a mirror

a modroc festival feast



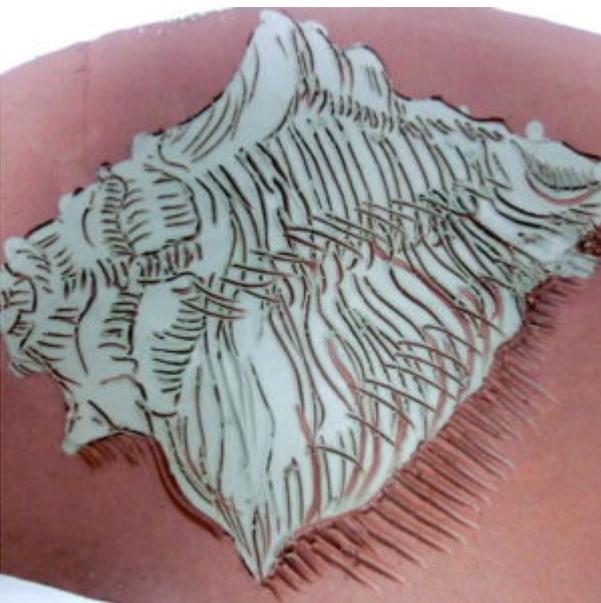
Make a communal sculptural feast

water and rock



[Explore the physicality of rocks with graphite and plaster](#)

Introducing scraffito



[Create tiles using scraffito](#)

making plaster reliefs



Create plaster reliefs using clay and foam board

Sea Sculptures from a plastic bottle



Create a collection of sea sculptures from recycling

exploring materials: clay and water



[Encouraging tactile investigation of clay](#)

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