

Blue Reef Aquarium Visit

We had a fantastic day at the Blue Reef Aquarium in Portsmouth. We set off from school at 9.15am and arrived there at around 10.15am. Firstly we were given a tour around the aquarium, focussing on the different marine habitats (salt water, freshwater and rivers). We loved the fact that we were able to touch the crabs and the star fish during the rock pool encounter and learned many interesting facts.

The rays seemed really friendly and came up to the side of the tank to get a better look at us. Some of us were even splashed by them! We really liked the otters too, although they were very smelly! It was great being able to see a shark and learn so much about it. We found it really interesting that sharks never stop swimming (even when they are sleeping) because that is how they get oxygen into their bodies. Also they don't have any bones; they are made up of cartilage instead.

We ate our lunch outside and spend the rest of the time exploring the outdoor area. After lunch, we went around the aquarium again looking more closely at the sea life and finding out more about them by reading the information given.

At 2pm, our coach arrived to take us back to school. We were quite exhausted after a really exciting day!



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