

“In the Water”

Module 13, Adventure 2

EXPLORE IT

Prompt:

Use recycled items and your imagination to create your own underwater creature! You can make your favorite marine animal, an animal you find interesting, or invent your very own animal.

Materials:

- Recycled items, such as egg cartons, yogurt containers, cardboard boxes, etc.
- Markers, crayons, or colored pencils
- Scissors
- Tape, glue, or string
- Explorer Notebook or a piece of paper
- *Optional: Assorted craft materials, such as pipe cleaners, craft sticks, stickers, paper, yarn, etc.*

Instructions:

1. There are all sorts of amazing animals that live in the water. Some live in oceans, others in lakes, rivers, or ponds. Some are tiny and others are huge. Some live close to the surface and others live so deep in the ocean that you can't see them.
2. Think about the underwater animal you want to create. Here are some questions that can help you:
 - How big or small is your animal?
 - What does it look like?
 - What is it called?
 - What does it eat?
 - What body of water does it live in?
 - How deep underwater does it live?

- How does it move around?
 - How does it protect itself?
3. Look at the materials you have to work with. Plan out what your creature will look like in your Explorer Notebook or on a piece of paper.
 - Look below for a notebook design idea. You can use this or set up your page however you want!
 4. Use the materials to create your underwater creature.
 5. Share your creature! Show it off and talk about it, explaining some fun facts about it.

Resources:

1. This video from Boston Children's Museum's YouTube page gives a great explanation, for parents and kids, of how to create something new from recycled materials: [Arts and Crafts: Silly Sculptures](#).

Extensions:

The following are optional steps you can take if you want to extend this adventure:

1. Try placing your creature in or under water. Does it sink or float?
2. Your underwater creature lives deep in the water - either change your current creation or make a new creation that sinks to the bottom of a tub of water.
3. Go to the "In the Water" topic on Flipgrid and share your creation.

Explorer Notebook

You can use this to help you set up your Explorer Notebook!

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Planning:

My underwater creature is a _____.

It lives in _____.

Fun fact about my creature:	Fun fact about my creature:
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