

## **Art and Design**

The marine world has been an inspiration for artists throughout the ages.

Blue Reef Aquarium provides a unique, close-up view of the natural beauty of life beneath the waves. This tour will explore the world of colour, pattern and texture in a variety of animals from local species to tropical; including both invertebrates and vertebrates and ranging from tiny shrimps to top predators. This tour will enable youngsters to develop their skills in both observational and creative drawing and look closer at the variety of life in our oceans.

The tour will also explain how animals use colour and patterns in different ways to survive and communicate.

Throughout the autumn term Blue Reef runs the Young Marine Artist of the Year competition, where all marine themed artworks can be entered. You can also visit our Classroom projects page where more art based, marine themed activities are illustrated.