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Strictly Beach Art

KS1

KS2

Art

Low tide preferable
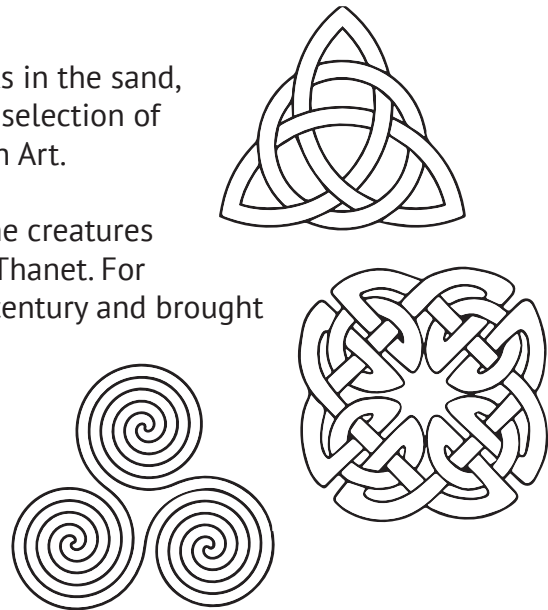
Learning Outcomes

After taking part in this activity children will have a clearer understanding of shape and design and of some of the artistic styles used by people from Thanet's past. The activity can also be used to reinforce learning from the Rock Pool Rummage activity.

Before the visit

Show children examples of beach art using marks in the sand, pebbles and other objects found on the beach. A selection of images can be found in Resource 5, Strictly Beach Art.

Your beach art design could be inspired by marine creatures that can be around our seas, or by the history of Thanet. For example, the Vikings came to Thanet in the 9th century and brought their swirling knotwork art with them.
Decide what designs you would like to make and draw some preparatory sketches. Think about what materials would work best for the designs, how big they should be and how many children could work on a pattern.

During the visit

Identify a good place to create your beach art. Slightly damper sand is preferable, particularly for figure and shape drawing, so you will need a falling tide. Scour the beach for pebbles, seaweed, shells, sticks to draw with and whatever else you might need. You could combine this with the Beach I Spy activity. Take the objects to your prepared area of sand and start building! Remember to sign and take a photograph of your finished works of art.

Sand figure drawing: a quick and effective method of producing drawings in the sand is draw round the outline of children lying on the sand. The outline can then be decorated with pebbles, sticks and weed to transform the figures into anything from mermaids to Viking warriors, sea creatures to fishermen.
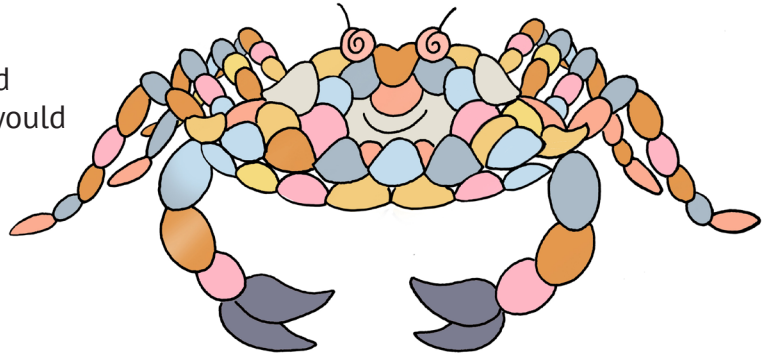
After the visit

Use photographs to mount on a wall. Incorporate a photo of your beach art.
You could use photographs of beach art created during the visit as illustrations in the Wish You Were Here Activity, (Activity 6).

You will need

No specific equipment is needed but the odd bucket and spade would be useful.

Resources

Resource 5: Strictly Beach Art
Ideas for Beach Art

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