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## EXPLORERS FISH TANK WRITING BOOK

### **Aim / Description:**

Students will become familiar with the Irish and English names of the animals that live in the class fish tank.

### **Activity:**

Step 1. Get students to write the English name of each animal in their writing book – matching it up with the Irish name.

Step 2. Draw a picture of the animal

Step 3. Write a description about each animal in the tank:

- what each animal looks like
- what colour the animal is
- how many legs it has
- does it have eyes
- where does it hide (under rocks, sand or does it swim around) etc

Step 4. Create a “New” seashore animal that no one has ever seen before. Draw a picture of it and write a short story about it.

### **Outcome:**

Students will have developed skills:

- understanding and learning about each animal that is in the class tank.
- language learning English and Irish names of the animals.
- writing and spelling and using their imagination and creative skills.