

Shark Personalities Primary Resource

This Animals primary resource explores behaviour in sharks. Discover how, despite their reputation, these fantastic fish are far more than fearsome predators. Can sharks be friendly? How do they behave when they're curious? How do sharks keep our oceans in good condition?

Join National Geographic photographer Brian Skerry on an ocean adventure in this Animals primary resource sheet. As well as learning about characteristics of different shark species, pupils will learn how individual sharks can have very different personalities, too.

The teaching resource can be used in study group tasks and discussions about sharks and animal behaviour as a whole. It can be used as a printed handout for each pupil to review and annotate, or for display on the interactive whiteboard for class discussion.

Activity:

Ask pupils to imagine they've met someone who thinks sharks are just dangerous creatures the planet would be better without. How can they convince them otherwise? Get the children to create an argument, explaining why sharks are amazing creatures that play an important role in the ocean ecosystem. They could write and read out a speech/talk, or prepare a presentation/poster with images to help support their argument.

Pupils could also create a poster about one of the shark species on the primary resource. They could perhaps base their choice on the "Which shark are *you* most like?" section. Get them to include facts and information collected from their own research – what does the shark eat? Where does it live? What are its key characteristics and features? Is the shark species endangered/vulnerable?