



# Dolphinwatch schools

A Dolphin Day consists of one classroom-based session and two onsite activities lasting 1 hour 30 minutes at Torry Battery. Each classroom-based session has recommended onsite activities, but you can pick and choose to tailor the day to fit your needs.

## Early level classroom sessions

### **Aberdeen's amazing animals**

An interactive session introducing the bottlenose dolphin population seen in Aberdeen.

*(Recommended onsite activity: 1,2,3,4,5)*

### **Storytime**

A fun and interactive storytime session following the adventures and perils of Quasi the bottlenose dolphin.

*(Recommended onsite activity: any)*

## Early level onsite activities

- 1 Dolphinwatch
- 2 Rockpool explorers
- 3 Wildlife walk
- 4 Marine mammal madness
- 5 Beach clean
- 6 Beach art

## First level classroom sessions

### **Aberdeen's amazing animals**

An interactive session introducing some of the marine wildlife on your doorstep in Aberdeen.

*(Recommended onsite activity: 1,2,3,4,5)*

### **Happy homes**

An introduction to the incredible coastal habitats we find on the North East of Scotland and the amazing animals calling them home.

*(Recommended onsite activity: 1,2,3,5,6)*

## First level onsite activities

- 1 Dolphinwatch
- 2 Rockpool explorers
- 3 Wildlife walk
- 4 Marine mammal madness
- 5 Beach clean
- 6 Beach art

## Second level classroom sessions

### **Aberdeen's amazing animals**

An interactive session introducing some of the marine wildlife on your doorstep in Aberdeen.

*(Recommended onsite activity: 1,2,3,4,5,6)*

### **Survival of the fittest**

An introduction to some of the amazing adaptations marine animals have developed to survive in their habitat.

*(Recommended onsite activity: 1,2,3,4,5,6)*

## Second level onsite activities

- 1 Dolphinwatch
- 2 Rockpool explorers
- 3 Wildlife walk
- 4 Marine mammal madness
- 5 WDC shorewatch
- 6 Beach clean
- 7 Beach art



# Onsite activities

All onsite activities last approximately 45 minutes.

## Dolphinwatch

Have a go at using our binoculars and see if you can spot these amazing animals.

What signs should you look out for? Where should you be looking? Have a go at being a dolphin yourself in our fun echolocation game. Find out how dolphins use sound to find food and communicate.

## Wildlife walk

Come on a guided walk and put your knowledge to the test!

Can you spot all the animals on your spotter sheet? What animals live in the habitats we find along the way and how do they survive? (Session adapted depending on level.)

## Rockpool explorers

Explore the amazing rockpools of Torry beach and see if you can find all the animals calling these small spaces home.

## Marine mammal madness

Put your sporting skills to the test! All the challenges highlight the amazing skills marine mammals have to survive. Would you survive as a marine mammal?

## Beach clean

Take practical action to protect the marine environment by taking part in a beach clean. Find out how long different materials take to break down and why its so important to dispose of our waste responsibly. Litter picks, gloves and bags will be provided.

## Beach art

This is a self-guided activity led by the class teacher. Search along the walkway down to the beach for natural materials and create a marine scene using what you find. Can you tell a story about your scene?

## WDC Shorewatch (second level only)

Find out how we work alongside Whale and Dolphin Conservation by becoming a Shorewatch Volunteer for the day.

Learn how we collect the data and complete the sheets in order to learn more about the habits of our amazing bottlenose dolphins.

# Schedule for the day

<b>9.30am</b>	The RSPB arrives at school to set up
<b>10–11am</b>	Classroom-based session (length varies depending on level)
<b>11am–12pm</b>	Lunch
<b>12–12.30pm</b>	Travel to Torry Battery
<b>12.30–2pm</b>	Onsite activities
<b>2–2.30pm</b>	Travel back to school

Timings are flexible, please discuss your needs when making your booking.

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