

## I Don't Bite Worksheet

### TEACHER GUIDANCE SHEET

#### Required Material:

- ▶ Shark Template
- ▶ Pencils
- ▶ Colouring Pencils
- ▶ The Plastic Ocean story

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- ▶ To understand that we shouldn't judge people before we get to know them.

#### STARTING ACTIVITY (5mins)

Introduce the class to the shark. The children will be familiar with him from the story. The shark appeared fierce and scary, however he was just looking for some help and didn't intend to frighten the Fever Folk. Whilst we should be cautious, we should not assume that others are always out to get us.

#### MAIN TEACHING (10mins)

**GROUP DISCUSSION** – Take time to talk about what things might make you judge someone else. Have you ever judged someone based on their appearance? What might we assume? Ask the children to think of examples of characters in books or movies (using fictional characters can avoid sensitive topics). Discuss how your opinion may change when you got to know the character.

#### MAIN TASK - Accessorise A Shark (15mins)

Design the personality of your shark and draw it out on your template. Students can dress their shark and accessorise their shark however they like. E.g. your shark may wear a tutu, boxing gloves, a baseball cap. Your shark may be really caring and gentle and be wearing a leather jacket or maybe your shark is playing the violin and they have a mischievous and silly personality.

On the back of their template the students should write the personality traits of their shark.

#### PLENARY (2mins)

Ask some students to show their shark to the class. Allow the students to assume what they think that sharks personality may be (they do not need to share their assumptions with the class as this could be a sensitive topic). Allow the child to then explain the personality of the shark and ask the students to reflect on this, highlighting the importance that everyone is unique and we should not judge others until we get to know them.

#### DID YOU KNOW!

Although sharks have a reputation for being a danger to humans they rarely ever attack humans and would rather feed on fish than marine mammals.

Check out the Science lesson about the Plastic in the Ocean - Not So Fantastic Plastic.

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CHILDREN'S SHEET

Design the personality of your shark and draw it out on your template. You can dress and accessorise your shark however you like. E.g. your shark may wear a tutu, boxing gloves, a baseball cap. Your shark may be really caring and gentle and be wearing a leather jacket or maybe your shark is playing the violin and they have a mischievous and silly personality.

On the back of your template write the personality traits of your shark.

