

Oceanographic Museum



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Leaving straight from school, everyone got comfortable on the coach for our day out at the Oceanographic Museum of Monaco. On the way we all wondered what we would see, what we would learn, and of course, discussed our favorite sea creatures.



We began our day with an introduction to sealife by one of the amazing museum team members. As the children gathered around a shallow tank, they were able to observe, touch and learn about a variety of sea life from sea cucumbers to sharks! The children had so many questions and also learned to respect the personal space of the hermit crab and their large pincers.



Following this activity, we went upstairs into the museum to view the Polar Mission exhibition. The children got up close to real stuffed animals from the polar regions and had the chance the learn about the world of the Inuit people and how they survived in such a harsh, cold environment. This then led us through to the "Immersion" room, where we sat in awe as we traveled through different polar environments and interacted with the projections on the screens.





The aquarium



After a well-deserved lunch stop on the terrace, we headed back down to visit the aquarium. There, we discovered a wide variety of sea creatures in an array of different tanks. First, there was the main tank, which gave us an underwater view of a tropical sea paradise, where rays, sharks, turtles and fish all lived harmoniously.

Then we viewed the many different smaller tanks, each catered for a more specific variety of fish. There was the jellyfish tank, the clown fish tank, and even several tanks of enchanting seahorses!



The last stop for the aquarium was outside, where we marveled at the magnificent resident loggerhead turtle. We were given the chance to discover the amazing life and struggles of sea turtles, from hatching on land to their long life at sea. This friendly turtle even swam up to the glass to say hello to us all!