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Learning about the Shore Crab

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1. Introduction

Show pictures, videos, or models of shore crabs, like "*Il-Granc tax-Xatt/The Shore Crab*" (Downloadable Materials), and ask questions to engage children:

“Where do you think shore crabs live?”, “What do you notice about their claws and shell?”

Explain that shore crabs live in rocky coastlines and rockpools: they adapted to survive in changing tides.

2. Virtual / Indirect Observation

Watch short videos or observe photos of shore crabs in rockpools and encourage children to observe:

- Body parts (claws, legs, eyes);
- Movement and hiding behaviour;
- Interaction with the environment (rocks, seaweed, water).

3. Observation & Recording

Children can sketch a shore crab in its habitat or note behaviours seen in videos. Engage the children with a discussion about the crab’s adaptations:

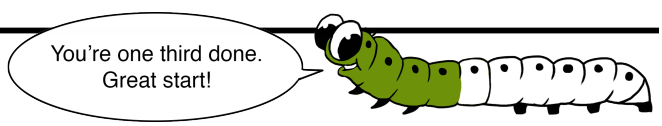
How does the crab hide from predators? How does he move on slippery surfaces?

4. Creative Follow-Up

Children can colour the "*Shore Crab Postcard*" in the Downloadable Materials using paint, crayons, or natural materials.

Send photos of

- ☐ Children observing videos in the classroom
- ☐ Finished Crabs artworks



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Resources & Equipment Needed

Art and craft supplies of your choice.

