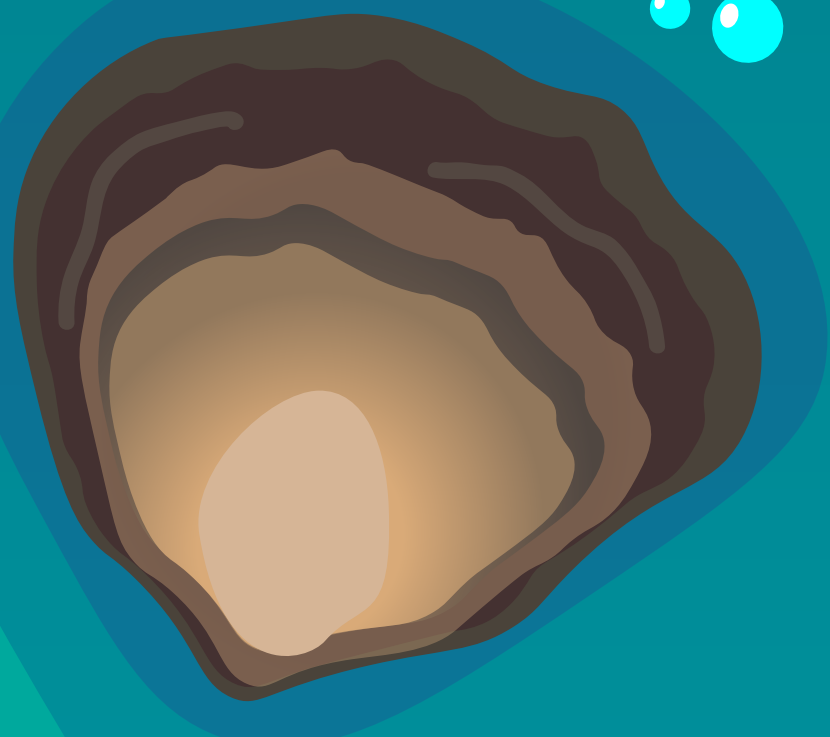
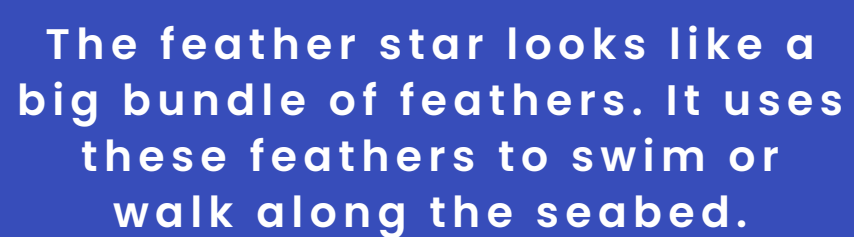


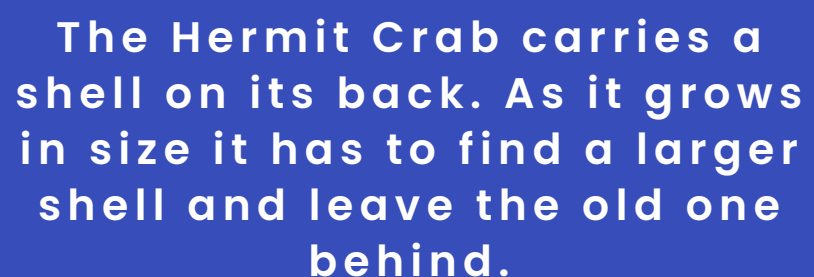
# creatures of the oyster reef



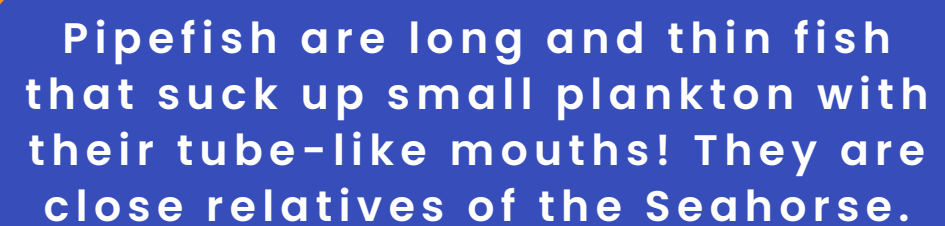
Oysters are the building blocks of a reef. As they grow and cover the seabed, they provide homes and shelter for many small marine animals. These small animals then become food for larger fish and crabs which are food for even bigger animals. In this way the oyster reef can double biodiversity!



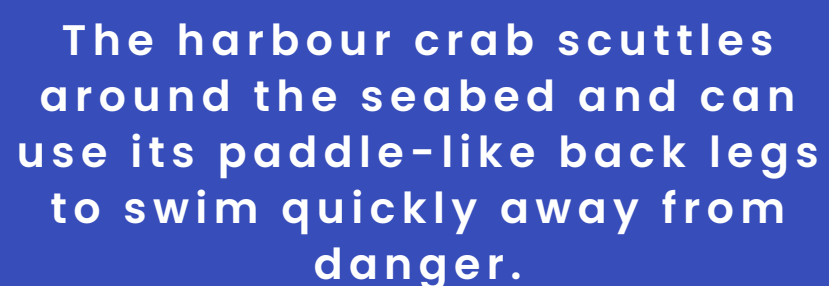
The feather star looks like a big bundle of feathers. It uses these feathers to swim or walk along the seabed.



The Hermit Crab carries a shell on its back. As it grows in size it has to find a larger shell and leave the old one behind.



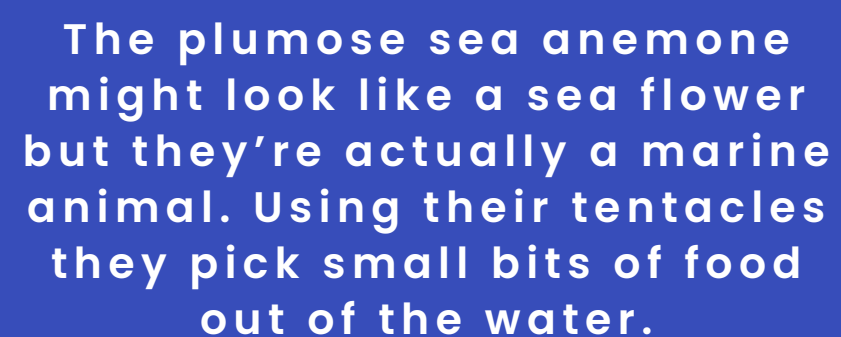
Pipefish are long and thin fish that suck up small plankton with their tube-like mouths! They are close relatives of the Seahorse.



The harbour crab scuttles around the seabed and can use its paddle-like back legs to swim quickly away from danger.



The common sun star is a type of starfish, with 8-10 arms and covered in tiny spines.



The plumose sea anemone might look like a sea flower but they're actually a marine animal. Using their tentacles they pick small bits of food out of the water.

