

FUN FACT

Jellyfish are not fish!
They are more
closely related to
anemones and coral
than fish

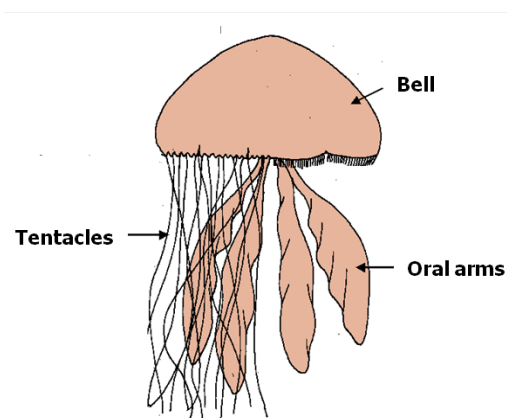
Jellyfish

Jellyfish are umbrella shaped animals that are known for their long tentacles and their sting! They range in size and colour- from large and brightly coloured, to small and see through. They are not good swimmers, they float about in the water allowing the currents to carry them. A group of Jellyfish is called a bloom and can be made up of over 10,000 jellyfish. This can cause trouble for factories by clogging their pipes bringing water from the sea, fill up fishermen's nets reducing their catch of fish, and pose a threat to beach users.



These animals don't have a brain, heart or bones. They are mostly made up of water (over 95%!). They use their oral arms to catch plankton or small fish and their tentacles which contain deadly toxins to stun their prey. Animals that eat jellyfish include sunfish, sharks, sea turtles and swordfish

Actions:



- Investigate how climate change will affect jellyfish (hints: global warming, food webs)
- Create models of jellyfish using recycled materials
- Research the types of jellyfish found around Ireland, and which ones are most dangerous