



# Moomins and The Baltic Sea

A multidisciplinary module for the 5th graders of Finnish-Russian school in Helsinki in March 2020

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# #OURSEA - a campaign by John Nurminen Foundation and Moomin Characters

To mark the 75th anniversary of the Moomins, Moomin Characters Ltd launched the #OURSEA campaign in collaboration with the John Nurminen Foundation to help to save the Baltic Sea and its culture.

The author of Moomins, Tove Jansson, loved the sea and the sea has an important role in her books.

<https://oursea.fi/>

# A multidisciplinary module

- A five-day learning project which combined literature, science, arts, drama and languages.
- For all 5th graders of our school.
- The students were divided into four groups by their interests.
- An introduction day: information on Baltic Sea and the author Tove Jansson
- An excursion day: a planetarium film about life under the sea in a science center
- Two workshop days: drama, animation, posters, comics, quizzes etc.
- A sharing day: showing the others the previous activities.



## Reading books

- During the week, every pupil read a Moomin book in Finnish and in Russian, and some also in English.
- The aim was to raise the appreciation of reading and literature.





# The workshops

- creative methods:

- drama
- animation
- comics and posters
- creating quizzes

- The pupils were encouraged to deal with protecting the Baltic Sea in their work.

# Ideas for collaboration with other BSP schools

- Schools in different Baltic Sea countries could choose from authors who have a special relationship to the sea or who have written about environmental issues.
- The students could read books and discuss them online.
- Videos, animation, drama, comics etc. inspired by the books and share them with students in a different country.