

## Photosynthesis

## Remember to use a benchmat and wear safety glasses!

Collect: 2 x Beakers (100ml) Class Equipment: Distilled Water

1 x Clamp StandAlgae Suspension1 x Open-Ended SyringeSodium Alginate2 x Universal BottlesCalcium Chloride

1 x Stirring RodBicarbonate Indicator1 x StrainerSyringes For Measuring

- 1. Measure 5cm<sup>3</sup> of algae suspension into one of the beakers.
- 2. Into the same beaker add 2.5cm<sup>3</sup> sodium alginate. Mix together.
- 3. Into the second beaker add some calcium chloride. Position this underneath an open-ended syringe (use the clamp stand to position the syringe).
- 4. Pour the algae mixture into the open-ended syringe and let it drop into the calcium chloride.
- 5. Drain the calcium chloride using the strainer then rinse the algal balls with distilled water.
- 6. Count 15 algal balls into each universal bottle.
- 7. Fill the bottles with bicarbonate indicator and put on lids.
- 8. Position one bottle in a dark place and the other in a place which receives plenty of sunlight.
- 9. Analyse your results in the next lesson!



Increasing CO<sub>2</sub> in Indicator

Decreasing CO<sub>2</sub> in Indicator

Less Photosynthesis Took Place

More Photosynthesis Took Place