

Literacy

We will be reading the poem 'The Sea' by James Reeves and writing poems inspired by our favourite sea creatures.

We will be reading the abridged copy of 20,000 leagues under the Sea by Jules Verne and discussing the story's setting and main characters. We will use the events in the story to write our own dilemma story set under the sea.

We will research the inspirational explorer Jacques Cousteau. We will be recapping on the features of biographies and writing our own biographies about Cousteau's exciting explorations. Later in the term, we will be researching The Great Barrier Reef in Australia, we will write reports on the different sea creatures that inhabit those waters. We will explore the perils that tourism poses to the reef and write persuasive letters and articles. Finally, we will read about Keiko the whale and write a narrative about the whale's life.

PE - swimming lessons will continue throughout this term. Please ensure children have kit including hats.

Netball by Ignite Sports on a Monday afternoon. PE Kit: Your child will need to have their PE kit in school all week.

Maths

This term in Maths, we will continue using Cracking Times Tables on a weekly basis to develop accuracy and fluency with multiplication skills. We will also be introducing the children to an online multiplication programme.

Our lessons will be focusing on Fractions - finding equivalent fractions, counting in steps of $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{3}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$, ordering and comparing fractions with the same denominator.

We will then move on to decimals and relating these to fractions - $\frac{1}{10}$ as 0.1.

These units both rely on a secure understanding of multiplication facts, it is therefore important that children continue to practice these. Please see the page on supporting this.

Science - we will be developing our own classification keys for different sea creatures. We will research the food chains of different sea creatures using a diagram or model. We will learn how creatures have adapted to their habitats and the challenges they face.

Blue Abyss

Term 4 - 2020

Miss Fowler & Mr Holt
Miss Carvell-Turner & Mr Cole



How you can help....

Please read with your child every night and initial the reading records. Please support your child with their Athletics homework as this is an extension of class work. At times this term, we will be requesting plastic bottles, shoe boxes, bottle tops etc. Please check for Push Notifications and notices on the Year 4 board.

Topic - cross curricular

This term, we will be gaining an insight into the ocean world. We will be using maps, globes and atlases in order to identify the world's oceans and seas as well as studying the Equator, Northern and Southern hemispheres.

We will be diving back into the 1800s to learn all about the HMS Challenger and the discoveries of British naturalist John Murray and Scottish naturalist Charles Wyville Thompson.

We will find out how Cornelius Drebbel invented the first submarine in 1620 and as a challenge, we'll create model submarines using recycled materials.

After locating the Great Barrier Reef on a map, we'll learn about the creatures and plants that live there and explore the risks it currently faces.

Information:

Residential - 27th - 30th April

Kit list, choices forms will follow.

Reminder: ALL medications must be prescribed by a GP and have a dispensary label.