



WAVES

Year 4 spring term

ENGLISH

This term, we will use lots of ocean themed books to inspire our writing. Throughout this topic, we will learn about the life in the ocean and the discoveries made. We will learn about the work of Jacques Cousteau and the many environmental issues impacting on ocean life. Children will write a fantasy narrative based on the wordless story book, Flotsam. Using research on ocean life, they will write a non-chronological report about a chosen sea creature and an emotive narrative poem based on Keiko the whale. During our reading sessions, we will explore a Micheal Morpurgo text, 'Kensuke's Kingdom' and use this to answer a variety of retrieval, inference and summarising questions. We will then go on to write a newspaper report about the main character.

MATHS

In maths this term, we will be consolidating some of our learning from the autumn term in addition to learning new methods and skills. We will revisit calculation methods for each operation and use this to solve problems. Throughout this term we will continue to learn our times tables and further develop our ability to recall multiplication and division facts quickly. We will continue to practice converting between different units of measure and find the area and perimeter. New learning this term will start with a focus on fractions and decimals. We will learn to estimate, compare and calculate with money and develop our understanding of statistics.

WOW EVENT!

SEALIFE CENTRE VISIT

HUMANITIES

HISTORY

We will examine a range of sources to answer questions posed by ourselves. Looking at diaries, letters and research we will find out about 19th century exploration and the famous Jacques Cousteau. As part of our history focus, we will also learn how Coventry has had an impact on the music industry.

GEOGRAPHY

This term, we will focus on describing and understanding the key aspects of the water cycle. We will also locate geographical regions and learn how physical processes have changed landscapes.

LANGUAGES

Topics studied this term in French will include: months of the year, animal names, parts of the body, nouns and commands.

COMPUTING

In addition to using our computing skills across the curriculum this term, we will also create music algorithms on scratch, decompose a program and build a game that uses continuous loops.

THE ARTS

MUSIC

This term, we will be listening to various pieces of music and discuss the feelings generated by this.

ART & DESIGN

We have a very exciting term ahead where we will be creating our own seascapes using watercolour as well as learning about great artists and designers. In DT, we will be using textiles skills to create a chosen sea creature from fabric.

PSHE

We are going to learn about staying safe online, managing risks, poverty and the importance of equality.

SCIENCE

LIVING THINGS

To support our learning in our creative curriculum lessons, we will learn about habitats, classification keys and food chains. We will discuss how food chains can be broken and the impact of this on living things.

SOUND

In the second half of the Spring term, we learn about how sounds are made. After an investigation on pitch and volume, we learn that that sounds are fainter as the distance from a sound source increases.