

## Writing:

Explore poems focussing on the magnificent and mesmerising creatures of the sea. Watch clips from Blue Planet to gain a better understanding of our oceans and choose a creature to write about, present and perform their own poems.

Create an autobiography for our class book of sea creatures using research to extend their understanding. Applying their knowledge of sea creatures, invent their own fictional sea creature to add to our collection.

## D&T and Art

Visit the underwater world and identify what they can see. Use their findings to make their own 3D sculptures of an underwater scene.

Take digital photographs of some of the creatures spotted on our trip and use different sketching materials to draw these.

Use materials and luminescent colours to make their sculptures come to life!

## Engage:

Grab your wetsuit! We're going deep into an underwater world of incredible coral and mysterious sea creatures.

Visit an aquarium to gain a unique insight into the world of the deep. Observe aquatic life finding out about the different species that live in the depths of the world's sea and oceans.

This is what we'll be learning this half term...



## Innovate:

Create a 3D art exhibition to promote the beauty and magic of the oceans and the phenomenon of bioluminescent creatures. Incorporating not only sea creatures, such as jellyfish, starfish and eels, but also the bacteria and coral living in the depths of the sea beds. These exhibitions will 'come to life' at night time by using luminescent colours to make them glow.

## Maths:

Pupils will learn how to count and record in pounds and pence. They will make links between tenths and hundredths and decimal notation for money. They will learn how to compare amounts of money by looking at significant digits and by converting amounts from pounds to pence. Pupils will be taught how to round money to the nearest pound and understand the importance of this life skill. They will use this skill to estimate amounts and totals, applying these skills in real life problems to calculate totals and their differences, or change.

## Science:

Interpret how different animals are grouped based on their habitat, diet and appearance. Recognise how some habitats can change and therefore have a dramatic impact on the living creatures that rely on them.

## PSHE:

Discuss our responsibilities for the planet we live on and think about some of the steps we can take to protect it.

## RE

Develop our knowledge of the meaning of the word wisdom for different religions and generate our own class definition.

# Things to explore with your child...

**PE:** Our PE days are Monday and Friday.

Please ensure children have suitable PE clothing as the warmer weather approaches.

## Creative Zone:

Help your child to understand the importance of looking after our environment by encouraging them to recycle. You can also support their learning by researching pollution and ...

- Creating a fact-file about how the Earth is changing
  - Designing a poster to promote awareness on how to protect our planet

## Weekly Practice:

Support your child to complete their reading passport. Encourage them to spend 15 mins reading something they enjoy.

Encourage your child to learn their times tables as we continue to test them and climb the 'Times Tables Ladder.'

Help your child to practise their key spellings weekly by reminding them to complete their homework. We will test their knowledge with a weekly spelling test.

## Reading:

Our reading contracts have had a positive impact on attitudes to reading across the year group and we have loved seeing more children bring in their reading passports. Remember to sign your child's passport every time they read as this will help them collect more stickers, awards and more importantly will support their reading, writing and love of learning.

You could also visit your local library to research different sea creatures and their habitats.

## Maths:

Children have enjoyed competing against each other and collecting coins on TimesTables Rockstars. Children can also master this at home using their login details.

You can also continue learning about money at home by asking your child to help you with the shopping. Ask them to estimate your total using estimating and rounding.

## Writing:

Spend some time looking at different types of poetry and talk about their similarities and differences.

## Dates and other important information:

*Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May*

Year group trip to Birdworld

Please send in a bag of clean plastics or foil rubbish to help us make our underwater seareries.

Thank you to those parents who have signed up to Marvellous Me! This is an amazing opportunity to share good news with parents so please sign up and watch your phone for badges and messages. Please ask the office for more information on how to join online.