

Science: Living things and their habitats

In Science we will be researching and working scientifically to try and answer

two key questions:

Are all sea creatures the same?

How does pollution affect habitats?

Geography:

- Seas and oceans of the world
- The Great Barrier Reef
- Environmental issues

History

In history we will be finding out why the 1872 Royal Navy ship, HMS Challenger is considered to be so important and how its story has contributed to modern oceanography.

Maths: Number

This term we will be focusing on place value and addition and subtraction.

The children will be:

- Developing their counting skills
- Looking at representing numbers in a variety of ways
- Finding more or less
- Comparing and ordering numbers
- Adding and subtracting numbers mentally
- Use formal written methods for addition and subtraction

English

- We will be listen to and discuss James Reeves'

poem, *The Sea*, to inspire some of our own poetry.

- We will be reading and researching Jacques

Cousteau to write a biography.

- We will be writing a persuasive letter relating to the Great Barrier Reef being used as a tourist destination.

Art/DT

- 3D Models of Oceanic layers
- Clay models of different sea creatures
- Designing and making a submarine
- Seascape paintings and drawings

Music: We'll be listening to the soothing sounds of whale song and write ballads about whales.

ICT:

- Online Safety
- Using PowerPoint to make a poster to support a persuasive letter

This Term in **PSHE** our topic is 'Being Yourself'

RE:

Places of Worship

Spanish:

Numbers and basic greetings

Blue Abyss

Welcome Back!

What a Fantastic start to the new term! Everyone has settled in well and has returned to school with a great attitude towards learning.

Topic – Blue Abyss

Grab your wetsuit! We're going on a deep sea adventure.

This half term, we'll be using research and technology to gain an insight into the ocean world. We'll sketch different creatures and create clay sculptures of our favourite. Writing poems inspired by our favourite sea creatures will help us to develop a rich vocabulary. Using maps, globes and atlases, we'll identify the world's oceans and seas. We'll also find different ways of grouping living things. Diving back into the 1800s, we'll learn all about the HMS Challenger. We'll research Jacques Cousteau and write biographies about his exciting explorations. As a challenge, we'll create model submarines using recycled materials and program an onscreen submarine. After locating the Great Barrier Reef on a map, we'll learn about the risks it faces.

Help your child prepare for their project:

Oceans are remarkable and fascinating places that are full of life. Why not visit the coast together to see an ocean or sea up close? You could also look at an atlas or online map to find out which seas and oceans surround Britain. Alternatively, work together to create an under-the-sea collage using different materials to represent the plants, creatures and water.

Reading

Our fictional class reading book this term is Treasure Island written by Robert Louis Stevenson – a gripping adventure story. Reading Treasure Island will help to inspire the children's creative writing, vocabulary and comprehension skills.

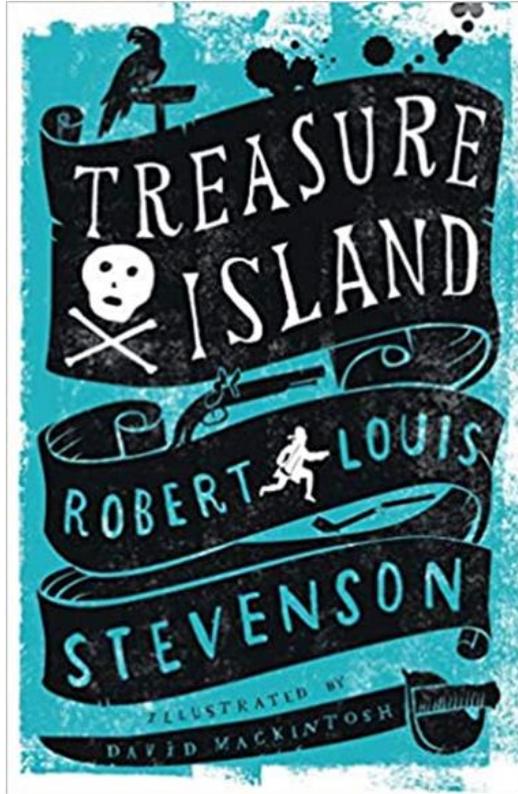
The children responded so positively to Reading Karate that we've decided to do it all again this year! As we are reusing the bands from last year, we would appreciate if you could ask your child to bring them back to school for the start of the new year - for every band the child brings back, we will award them with 5 team points. Every time a child reaches one of the milestones listed below, with adult signatures, they will be awarded with the corresponding wristband to wear and show off around school.

25 – White 50 – Yellow 75 – Green 100 – Blue 125 – Red 150 – Black 200 – Rainbow

Class Dojo and homework

Class Dojo will be used as a method of contact between parents and teacher and will also be where homework will be shared, submitted and marked. Each week, the children will be set Maths, Spelling and Reading homework. If you aren't yet connected, please see the slip that was sent home, or alternatively, see our new Facebook page for a link.

Pictures for Website



Under the sea art work
to be sent on Monday

Helpful Links

- <https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student>
- <https://www.lexiacore5.com/#>
- <https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login?c=0>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/zbr9wmn>