

Half Term Curriculum Overview



Year 4 - Spring 2 - 2021

English

One of our focus narrative texts this half-term is 'MANFISH: A Story of Jacques Cousteau.' Children will explore the life of Jacques Cousteau in the form of a biography. Children will be focusing on starting their sentence with topic words and fronted adverbials and summarising key facts through their research. Children will also write a persuasive letter highlighting the impact humans have on the sea life.

Children will also explore Jules Verne's revolutionary science fiction novel 'Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea'. They will be writing narratives with a focus on dilemma. Children will explore, through drama and role play, how to add tension and complexity to the narrative by adding conflicting ideas. They will learn further how to use paragraphs to organise ideas around a theme. Children will also compose sentences with a wider range of structures, linked to the grammar objectives.

Computing

- Use technology safely/search technologies effectively.
- The children work together to design a simple toy and create your own game.

Spanish

- Time: Children will be taught to ask questions about and say the time in Spanish.

Music

- The children will be focussing on a range of famous composers. The children will also identify different styles of music and will learn to create their own simple compositions using different rhythms and beats.

Topic – Blue Abyss

Science

Blue Abyss (including: seas and oceans of the world; animal habitats). Children will also explore how changes of the environment can pose dangers to animals living in that environment.



Art/D&T

- Design, make and evaluate a 3D model of an ocean habitat
- Design, make and evaluate a model of a submarine.

RE

-Christianity: Easter and the Holy Week.

PSHE

Living in the Wider World The children will be learning about career and gender stereotypes as well as managing money, including the benefits of bank accounts, savings and borrowing money.

Mathematics

Money

- To estimate, compare and calculate different measures, including money in pounds and pence.
- To solve simple measure and money problems involving fractions and decimals to two decimal places.

Decimals

- To recognise and write decimal equivalents of any number of tenths or hundredths.
- To find the effect of dividing a one or two digit number by 10 or 100, identifying the value of the digits in the answer as ones, tenths and hundredths
- To solve simple measure and money problems involving fractions and decimals to two decimal places. Convert between different units of measure (for example, kilometre to metre).

Consolidation of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division skills.

P.E.

- The children will be learning to perform a sequence of movements in dance as well as how to perform a range of balancing skills in gymnastics.

Homework

- **Topic:** A letter will be sent out with a range of tasks to choose from.
- **Spellings:** A test each week and new spellings to be learnt given out on a Friday.
- **Reading:** 10-15mins every day.
- **Mathematics:** Maths passports- weekly quiz on times tables up to 12 x 12.