

# Half Term Curriculum Overview



Year 4 - Spring 2 - 2022

## 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 paragraphs with topic sentences and fronted adverbials. Through their research, they will develop the skill of summarising key facts. 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

- 'We are Software Developers'. Children will design, write and debug a program, focusing on using repetition and variables.

## Spanish

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

## Music

- Children will be learning about the Pentatonic scale. They will be using tuned instruments to play along musically to a short film. The children will also learn about major and minor chords and the musical ensembles, Portico Quartet and The Trinidad Steel Band.

## 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

- Children will use a silhouette art technique to create sea creatures on the background created by mixing primary and secondary colours.

### D&T

- Design, make and evaluate a model of a submarine.

### RE

Christianity: Easter and the Holy Week.

### PSHE

#### **Health and Wellbeing: Alcohol Awareness**

The children will be learning what alcohol is, how it affects the body and the risks involved with consuming alcohol.

## 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.

- In the dance unit, the children will be learning to perform a dance based around a theme.
- In the Games unit, they will apply invasion game skills to small sided games and develop umpiring skills.

## 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.