

## **Our new topic is 'Land Ahoy!'**

Our new and exciting topic this half term is called 'Land Ahoy!' During this topic, we will go on an incredible adventure exploring what life is like at sea; researching historical voyages and finding out about the creatures that live in the sea.



### **English Fiction**

Our focus text for this topic will be 'Gracie the Lighthouse Cat' by Ruth Brown. This book brings together the story of Grace Darling, the Victorian heroine and the story of a lighthouse cat who rescues her kitten from the perilous sea. Through this story we will be looking at settings, different openers and the use of adjectives to give extra detail about a character, objects, events and feelings.

### **Non-Fiction**

Inspired by adventures under the sea we will be finding out about the creatures which make the sea their home. We will be writing explanation texts and non-chronological reports about habitats and how creatures adapt to living in different habitats.

### **Maths**

In Maths we will be looking at statistics and learning interpret and construct simple pictograms, tally charts, block diagrams and simple tables. We will be looking at the properties of shape and identify and describe the properties of 2-D and 3-D shapes, including the number of edges, vertices and faces. We will also develop our knowledge of fractions to recognise, find, name and write fractions  $\frac{1}{3}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{2}{4}$  and  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a length, shape, set of objects or quantity.

### **Scientific and technological understanding**

This half term, Science will focus on developing our understanding of habitats. We will explore and compare the differences between things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive. We will also identify that most living things live in habitats and be able to describe how these habitats are suited to their owner.



### **Understanding the Arts/ D&T**

In Art and Design we will be use techniques such as rolling, cutting, moulding & carving to create an image in a clay tile. We will also be using different objects to make imprints on polystyrene to create a sea creature..

In Design and Technology, we will be making ship biscuits and creating lighthouses with a working light to warn ships of danger ahead.



### **Historical, geographical and social understanding**

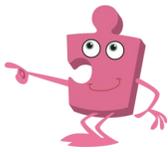
In History, we use a range of sources to ask and answer questions about boats through the ages. We will also find out about explorers of the past and develop an understanding that there were reasons for their actions.

In Geography we will be naming and locate the world's continents and oceans by using atlases, maps and globes. We will also be identifying the key features of a location in order to say whether it is a city, town, village, coastal or rural area. We will use aerial images to recognise physical and human features and compare a small costal area of the UK with a contrasting non-European costal area.



### **Health and Wellbeing:**

As part of Jigsaw we will be looking at our dreams and goals and discussing ways we can stay motivated when doing something challenging. We will also discuss ways in which we can work well with a partner or in a group, We will also explore what we need to keep our bodies healthy and sort foods into the correct food groups and know which foods our bodies needs every day to keep us healthy



### **Religious Education**

In RE this term, we will be looking at Judaism. We will be learning how celebrating Passover helps Jews show God they value and their special relationship with Him. Throughout this theme we will be exploring the key question 'How important is it for Jewish people to do what God asks them to do?'

### **School Visit**

On Thursday 22nd January 2018, Year 2 will be visiting The Deep in Hull and learning about a variety of sea creatures and their habitats.



**\* Reminders \***

**PE kits**

Each week your child will participate in two PE sessions. Children need to bring PE kits to school on Monday and leave it in school until Friday.



**School times.**

The Year 2 doors open at 8:40am and close at 8.55am The children begin the day with morning activities that give the children the opportunity to consolidate their learning in all areas of the curriculum.

**Maths homework**

Maths homework is given out to all children each day and is marked the following day in class. The tasks set will help consolidate what has been taught in class.



**Reading at home**

Every child has an independent home reading book and a reading record book. Both of these books should be in school everyday. Please can your child read everyday with you at home and have their reading record book signed on a daily basis.



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