

Key themes this half term  
**Ocean Tales and Trails:** Children will be learning about oceans and continents, lighthouses and Grace Darling, a lighthouse keeper's daughter who rescued many people from the sea.

### Maths

This half term children will be learning about:

- Addition and subtraction including their relationship, finding the difference between 2 numbers and number bonds to 20
- Fractions – finding half of a quantity or shape
- Money – recognising coins and notes and making different quantities
- Positional language – describing the location of objects using, for example, next to, in between and on top of.

### Home Learning

Your support is invaluable and really does make a difference to your child's learning. This term we would particularly welcome help with any of the following:

- ✓ Listen to your child read every day where possible.
- ✓ Ask them about the book, front cover, pictures, likes or dislikes.
- ✓ Ask your child what they did during their school day. What did they enjoy?
- ✓ Support your child with any learning they bring home.

### Literacy

#### Writing

This half term children will be learning how to:

- Retell and adapt a well-known story
- Change the ending to a familiar story
- Write words with suffixes –ed, –ing and –est
- Write instructions using imperative verbs

#### Reading

This half term children will be learning how to:

- Continue to use their phonic knowledge to read unfamiliar words.
- Read words with suffixes (words ending –ed, –ing and –est) and prefix -un
- Read aloud without too much sounding out.
- Develop speed of reading to support comprehension

#### Speaking and Listening

This half term children will be learning how to:

- Read their work aloud
- Share their ideas and build upon the ideas of others
- Maintain attention and participate in classroom conversations
- Learn to give their opinion with reasons

Please speak to your class teacher if you would like more specific guidance on how to help your child.

### Other Curriculum Areas

During this half term children will be able to apply the skills learnt in literacy and maths into other subjects whilst also learning other key skills such as

Science – **classifying** animals into carnivores, omnivores and herbivores, and into mammals, fish, reptiles, birds, insects and amphibians.

Geography – **locating** the oceans and continents using North, East, South and West.

History – learning about the life of Grace Darling and **evaluating** her contribution to national achievements

Computing – **programming** a simple algorithm

PE – **Dance** – building the movements of animals into a dance

PE – **Multiskills** – working with a coach to develop a range of skills with a focus on partner work

RE – **How are beliefs shared?** Looking at key stories including from Islam and Christianity to understand how beliefs and morals are shared.

SMSC – **Relationships** learning about friends and how to solve problems within a friendship