



Kibworth Primary School
 Year 4, Autumn Term 2
 Curriculum Information
 Blue Abyss



Dear Parents/Carers

What a busy first half term we had! History was our key focus and we all loved learning about the Romans and the Roman Invasion. The children used their writing skills to finish off the topic and wrote and performed speeches as Queen Boudicca to the rest of the Year group and to Year 3; we had some incredibly passionate (and somewhat terrifying) performances!

For the second half of the term our topic will be 'Blue Abyss'. We'll be diving to the bottom of the oceans to discover the fish and other animals that lurk in the depths. We will be learning about the history of submarines which will lead to our own submarine investigations. In science we will be learning about the different animal groups and sorting them by these classifications. Our lessons in Geography will help us to place all the places and marine animals we discuss.

Literacy		
Non-fiction - Persuasive Writing		
<p>Writing skills will be further developed using persuasive writing techniques. The children will learn how to structure a persuasive argument, using appropriate vocabulary to appeal to the reader's emotions. The writing outcome will be linked to the children's knowledge of The Great Barrier Reef.</p>		
Maths		
<p>Multiplication (mental) There will be a continued emphasis on knowing multiplication and related division facts by heart and out of order. We will be focussing on using visual and pictorial representations to support the children's understanding and then building speed and accuracy in multiplying single digits mentally.</p>		<p>Addition The children will build on their mental addition skills skills by applying them to adding larger numbers (up to 4 digits). They will do this by learning and practising more formal written methods</p> <p>Subtraction Once we have secured addition we will move on to learning and practising formal written methods to subtract.</p>
Science	Food Chains & Adaptation	<p>Pupils will learn about the different layers of the ocean and the creatures that live there. They will classify creatures according to family and create food chains and webs after learning which creatures are predators and prey. We will then consider how animals have adapted to suit their environment.</p>
History and Geography	Oceans and Continents	<p>To develop their knowledge and understanding of the oceans, pupils will learn about the world's oceans and continents, and important lines of latitude and longitude. They will explore the importance of conservation and the fragility of the marine environment.</p>

RE	Why is Jesus Inspiring?	We will be thinking about why Jesus was an inspiring figure and how his teachings have inspired peoples' actions. Year 4 will also be visiting the Church in December for a 'Journey to Bethlehem' morning, learning about Jesus' life and how Christmas became such an important time for Christians.
ICT	Programming	We are using the programming software 'Scratch' to develop a controllable game.
Art	Sketching	Pupils will develop their sketching skills through close observational study by sketching real fish. Paying attention to detail, this will pave the way to creating a more imaginative and abstract piece of work.
PE	Tag Rugby Circuits	Children will be practising their tag rugby skills with the PE Staff. Children will explore a range of different exercises to understand what tests agility, endurance, strength, stamina and speed and how to alter these activities to make them more or less challenging.
French	Numbers to 30	Children will continue exploring the basic foundations of the French language.
Music	Tabla Drums	Music will continue to be taught by the fantastic 'Dabla Arts'! The children will build on their rhythmic skills using the tabla drums.

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