

This term's project in Year 2

Topic Name

LAND AHOY!

Driving Question

Where can the sea take you? Captain James Cook used the seas to discover new parts of the world. Grace Darling worked on the sea and helped protect sailors and their ships. Where will we discover as we look at the five oceans of the world and the seven continents?

Learning Launch

Our learning launch will take place later in the term when we shall become pirates and try to reach the buried treasure!

How Can You Help?

- Locate the UK on a world map. Which continent is the UK part of? Have you been on any holidays to different continents? Look at which seas surround the continents. Use the compass points to play games to direct each other around the world. Look at lighthouses around the UK – why are they positioned where they are? Look at the work of the RNLI and how they help to protect people on our seas.

Experiences, Visits & Visitors

- Testing which materials make the best boat
- Making a working model lighthouse
- Designing our own creature and its habitat
- Going on a walk looking for habitats and microhabitats.

English

This term we shall be looking at shape poems with a firework theme and looking at how we can include onomatopoeia! We are still enjoying the book *The Secret of Black Rock* and shall be using this as a stimulus to write our own stories where there is a hidden secret within an ocean object (we'll be making these out of clay too). Linked to our project work we will be researching Captain Cook and writing a fact file about his voyages and discoveries. At the end of term, we will be looking at why Grace Darling is famous and writing a diary based on her famous sea rescue in 1838. Linked with our science learning we shall also be writing about habitats and designing our own creatures and their habitats! In addition, we shall be reading lots of different texts this term around our project, continuing with our grammar work and learning more of the year two spellings.

Mathematics

In our maths work we shall build on our first term's work of place value and simple addition and subtraction. We will look at different ways to add and subtract numbers, including 2-digit numbers that cross over the tens (numbers that need exchanging). We shall then use this knowledge to look at money; recognising coins and how to find totals. We will also be looking at how to give change by adding on or subtracting. Finally, we shall begin to look at multiplication and division by using arrays. Please continue to go over number bonds to 10 then 20 and counting forwards and backwards in 2s, 5s and 10s.

Things to remember

Homework

- Each Friday a blue spelling book will be sent home with spellings to learn for the following Friday for a small test.
- Your child will bring home a homework scrapbook with a variety of tasks to complete over the half term. Please feel free to do these as and when you have chance, we just ask that your child tries to complete a minimum of three tasks. To be brought back into school in the final week – week commencing 14th December 2020.
- Reading books will be given out every Monday and collected in on a Friday once read. Additional books can be found on Bug Club, along with spelling and grammar activities.

PE

PE sessions for this term will be on a **Wednesday** and **Thursday**. Please ensure that your child's PE kit comes into school on a Monday and goes home to be washed on a Friday (sometimes the PE timetable may change). We will be getting fully changed this term and cannot give out spare clothes.

Knowledge Summary

You will find a Knowledge Organiser on the reverse of this sheet. This will show all of the basic key knowledge that children need throughout the project and we would really appreciate you sharing this information with your child. You might even want to find out more facts to share in class!

