



Monkton CEP School

Ladybird Class

Newsletter

Term 5- Blue Abyss

'In God's eyes, everyone is special'



English

In Term 5 we will begin with personification poetry, exploring different types of figurative language and how they are used to build images in the readers head. We will then explore the characters of Captain Nemo and Professor Arronax from our new core text, 20,000 Leagues under the Sea before learning different techniques authors use to build tension in dilemma stories. Finally, we will research the Great Barrier Reef, considering the impact of humans upon this environment.

Science

Our topic for Term 5 is Habitats. We will be learning how living creatures are classified and sorted. Their habitats and how we, as humans, can impact upon these habitats in both a negative and positive way. As part of this, we will carry out surveys, seeking to identify living things in our school, as well as taking part in a village litter pick in an effort to improve habitats in our local area.

ICT

As we are still unable to use the ICT suite in order to keep the class bubbles separate, we will continue to do what we can though the I pads- Effective online research; E-Safety;

Maths

During the final 2 terms of the academic year, we will be seeking to consolidate and build upon prior learning, after 2D and 3D shapes, position and symmetry. We will then return to the 4 key operations, seeking to secure methods used to add, subtract, multiply and divide.

General

Welcome back to Term 5, we hope you all had a restful Easter break. Our new topic is The Blue Abyss. This topic will allow the children to explore the wonders of the ocean, learning about many different sea creatures and how humans are able to explore the depths. We will use Jules Verne's 20,000 Leagues under the Sea to inspire us to learn about submarines and how they work. We will consider the impact of humans upon the oceans and the Great Barrier Reef and consider how we could make positive changes to our world. The term will end with a mini, ocean inspired art show which we can hopefully put on display in the playground for all to enjoy.

RE

In Term 5 we continue from the Easter story, with the Kingdom of God. We will explore and consider the key question, When Jesus left, what was the impact of Pentecost?

PE

Class 4 will continue to have PE lessons on a Tues afternoon, although PE kits need to remain in school at all times. In Term 5, the children will be doing athletics. After school clubs are resuming, still in pods. Class 3 are taking part in netball club this term. The club is already full with a waiting list, therefore please let me know if they no longer wish to or are able to attend this club.

Foundation subjects

History- why the 1872 Royal Navy ship, HMS Challenger is considered to be so important and how its story has contributed to modern oceanography.

Geography- Identifying seas and oceans; the Great Barrier Reef and Environmental concerns

Art- observational drawing of sea creatures; oceanic layers; clay creatures; tropical fish and corals; seascapes

Design Technology- the first submarine, making our own mini submarines

French - Eurostar's programme 1- Unit 5- Les quatre amis

Music- Kent Music, MusicMore, exploring rhythm, pattern and how musical terms

PSHE- Our well-being focus continues as we move through this difficult time. This will be supported by our Heart Smart programme, where we will be exploring the unit- Fake is a mistake.

Vocabulary

Below are some words that the children will come across during their learning that they might be unfamiliar with that you might like to help them understand:

<u>Science</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Maths</u>	<u>English</u>
habitat	abyss	vertices	personification
vertebrate	adapt	properties	alliteration
invertebrate	bioluminescence	face	tension
classify	camouflage	quadrilateral	dilemma
organism	conservation	symmetry	ellipsis

Websites

<https://trockstars.com/>- Times Table Rock Stars

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers/ks2-maths-2d-and-3d-shapes-with-homebros/zvsw3>
2D and 3D shapes

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/animals/sea-life/strange-sea-creatures/>

Wonders of the Ocean

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/animals/article/bioluminescence-animals-ocean-glowing>

Bioluminescence in sea creatures

Special days (unfortunately the come and join us days still cannot take place until current COVID restrictions are lifted)

- Dates for diaries: PE is still on a Tuesday pm
- HW- new spellings and times tables will be handed out each Monday, then tested on the following week on a Monday
- Class and Team photographs- 5.5.21
- End of Term 5 - 28.5.21
- Term 6 starts - 7.6.21
- Term 6, from 7.6.21- Year 4 Times table multiplication check to take place
- Village litter pick- 21.5.21