

Curriculum Overview and Homework Activities



Across the Ocean

Our topic this half term is Across the Ocean. This is a Geography-based unit that will explore different countries and cities within Europe and America. Within this, we will explore human and physical features of these countries and look at the regions within the United Kingdom. Pupils will develop their map skills and locate these countries on a map. In English this half term, we will begin by looking at blank verse poetry. We will then move onto fantasy narratives before looking at discursive texts. We will explore all of the features within each text type, plan our own texts using different organisational devices before drafting, writing and editing our own. In Science, the unit is 'Living Things and their Habitats', with a focus on under the sea. We will classify different sea creatures into broad groups according to their observational characteristics and give reasons for this. In Art, we will explore the work of Dan Trelis and focus on mono printing, where we will learn artistic techniques such as collage and tactile methods, with a theme centered around sea creatures. In RE, we will study the concept of believing in Christianity, examining the differences between belief and fact. We will identify key beliefs of the Christian faith and compare them with Hindu beliefs. In Computing, we will learn about blogging through the "2Blog" platform, exploring the purpose and features of blogging, as well as plan and write blog posts while considering their effect on the audience. In PE, we will engage in Olympic dance and Outdoor Adventurous Activities (OAA). In Spanish, we will learn a variety of new vocabulary and concepts related to habitats, linking to our overarching topic.

*Homework in year 5/6 is a really important part of the learning process and if homework is not completed pupils will be asked to stay in and complete their tasks – this will prepare them for secondary school, where the homework expectations are much more demanding. **Reading every night is the most important thing you do to support your child with their learning.** There are weekly spellings to learn as well as TTROCKSTARS and timetables practice. We also set weekly math's homework – a sheet will be stuck in the homework book ready to complete. These things **MUST** be completed before attempting any of the homework tasks below. The additional tasks below are **optional**.*

Research a famous ocean voyage (e.g., Titanic, HMS Beagle, Mayflower). Draw a map showing the route, key landmarks, and challenges faced.	Compare the depths of different oceans and major trenches (e.g., Mariana Trench). Convert distances between continents and oceans into different units (miles/km).	Design and build a model boat using recyclable materials. Test how well it floats and reflect on the best materials to use.	Research children's sea shanties and their role in maritime history. Write your own short sea shanty or perform one with a homemade instrument.
Learn about ocean currents and how objects travel across the sea. Write a creative letter as if you were stranded on an island, explaining how your message might reach	Research different seafood dishes from around the world. Create a recipe card and, if possible, try cooking a dish at home.	Choose an explorer (e.g., Christopher Columbus, Captain Cook, Zheng He). Write a short biography about their oceanic journey and its impact.	Investigate how plastic pollution moves across the ocean. Create a poster or fact sheet about ocean pollution and solutions.

