



# Year 4 Term 1 Newsletter 2024



**THE BIG IDEA:** Grab your wetsuit! We're going deep into an underwater world of incredible coral and mysterious sea creatures.

Our topic for Term 1 and 2 will be 'The Blue Abyss'.

Our Lead Enquiry question is: 'How does plastic pollution affect our oceans?'

We will be visiting Rochester High Street as part of Geography curriculum as well as The Historic Dockyard Chatham.

## **Maths:**

In Maths, we will be focusing on recognising the place value of each digit in a four-digit number as well as adding and subtracting numbers with up to 4 digits using the formal written methods. We will also be working on our times table skills, focusing on being able to recall and use multiplication and division facts for multiplication tables up to  $12 \times 12$ .

## **Literacy:**

We will be studying a range of genres linked to our Blue Abyss topic. We will be using a range of different writing techniques in order to produce recounts, narratives and descriptive writing.

## **Geography: Geographical Knowledge**

In Geography, we will be focusing on locating and naming the main counties and cities in South East England. We will also be looking at using fieldwork to observe, measure and record the human and physical features of the local area and creating sketch maps.

## **PSHE: Relationships**

We will be focusing on understanding the features of positive, healthy friendships and identify strategies to build positive relationships. We will also be looking at how to seek support with relationships when feeling lonely or excluded, as well as how to communicate respectfully with friends when using digital devices.

## **PE**

Badminton (indoors) will be on **Tuesday** and Hockey (outdoors) will be on **Wednesday**.

**On PE days please could children come to school in their PE kits.**

### **RE: Christianity**

We will study a range of Bible stories, focusing on vocabulary like parable, Evangelist, gospel and disciples. We will link Jesus' expectations with the expectations in our classroom.

### **Computing: Computing Systems & Networks**

We will describe how networks physically connect to other networks. We will also focus on understanding what the Internet is made of and being able to outline how information can be shared on the World Wide Web.

### **General Reminders**

- ❖ Spellings and times tables will be given out on a Friday and the children will be tested on the following Friday.
- ❖ Please encourage your child to complete at least 10 minutes per day learning their times tables using Times Table Rockstars.
- ❖ Please remember to read as often as you can with your child and remember to update their reading record book.

### **Science: Living things and their habitats**

We will be looking at recognising that living things can be grouped together in a variety of ways, as well as exploring and using classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things. We will also be describing and explaining a variety of food chains and focusing on identifying producers, predators and prey.

### **Helpful Hints**

If you need some ideas for books your child could borrow from your local library, you may like to link them to: Oceans, Animals and their Habitats, The South East of England, Computer Networks etc.

Here are some websites that may support your child with their learning:

<https://ttrockstars.com/> - Times Table Rockstars

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button-> times table support



### **Teachers and TAs**

**Swan Class** - Mrs Mateias (Teacher) and Mrs Matthews (TA)

**Kingfisher Class** - Miss Gilder (Teacher) and Mrs Chahal (TA)

