



# Year 4 Term 2 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 fractions and decimals. We will also be looking at money using pounds and pence. We will then be applying our knowledge to solve money problems involving fractions and decimals to two decimal places. Finally, we will focus on shape and measurement, specifically perimeter and area.

## **Literacy:**

We will be focusing on non-chorological reports about the ocean which will link to our Blue Abyss topic. After our trip to The Dockyard, we will be focusing on writing a formal letter. We will finish the term by creating a balanced argument about plastic.

## **Geography: Geographical Knowledge**

In Geography, we will be identifying the position and significance of the equator, the North and South Hemisphere and the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn. We will also be looking at compass points and time zones.

## **PSHE: Relationships**

We will be continuing our work on relationships, focusing on positive friendships. We will also be looking the meaning of bullying and how to recognise this, as well as the dangers of "dares" and "secrets". We will also be focusing on online safety, specifically recognising harmful content and behaviour and who to talk to about this.

## **PE**

Gymnastics (indoors) will be on **Tuesday** and Basketball (outdoors) will be on **Wednesday**.

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

### **RE: Christianity**

We will be continuing our work on Christianity, focusing specifically on the impact on Pentecost for Christians.

### **Computing: Audio Editing**

We will be using software to record and edit our own version of a podcast. We will be using reviewing our work and making improvements.

### **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: Sound**

We will be looking at the concept of sound. We will be focusing on vibrations and understanding how sounds travel. We will be looking at pitch and volume and will carry out a range of experiments to investigate these concepts.

### **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, Hemispheres, Tropics, Sound, 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)

