

Coastlines

Class Two



Autumn Term 2020
Curriculum Newsletter

In Class Two this term our topic focus is 'Coastlines' where we will develop a geographical understanding for the coastline, starting with the United Kingdom. We will build an understanding of coastal features, develop map reading skills and learn about coastal towns in our country. The class will explore this through Art, Music, Literacy and Storytelling to bring the wonders of the coast to life!

Taking on the 'Mantle of the Expert', the children will be presented with a challenge later in the term. They will need to focus their learning on comparing our coastline in the UK to the Indian coast of Mangalore. We will make links with one of TEAMS global school connections in Mangalore and will find ways to explore the question 'Saving the coastline, how can we help?'

The main topic focus will be on Geography, with Literacy and Art playing a supporting role. The key skills will be:

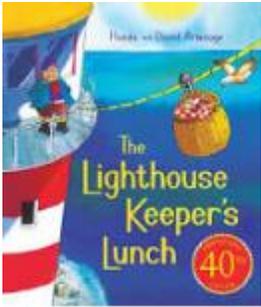
Geography:	Art/Literacy
<p>Location and Place Knowledge:</p> <p>I can locate and identify characteristics of countries and capitals in the UK</p> <p>Name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans.</p> <p>Name, locate and identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the UK and its surrounding seas.</p> <p>Use world maps, atlases and globes to identify the UK and its countries, as well as the countries, continents and oceans studied at this key stage.</p> <p>Human and Physical Geography:</p> <p>I can identify and compare the features of two localities</p>	<p>Theme:</p> <p>Learn about features of the coastline and express ourselves through paint.</p> <p>Enquiry:</p> <p>Find out about life and nature on the coast. How can we help to preserve it?</p>

English

To start of f the new school year we will be exploring storytelling inspired by The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch. As the term progresses, we will develop our writing skills to create clear, accurate sentence to write coastal descriptions and narratives.

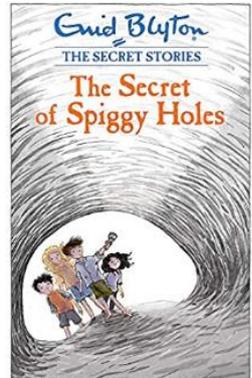
We will discover how adjectives can enhance our writing using noun phrases as well as using our topic knowledge and imaginations to write some creative stories. We will also begin to write for a range of non-fiction purposes about UK coastal towns.

Alongside this we will continue to develop our handwriting and spellings so our writing can be read by ourselves and others.



We will read in a range of contexts daily – including grouped guided reading sessions, targeted reading sessions and Year Two independent reading challenges. We will also come together to share our class text three times a week.

To inspire our class texts will be reading an exciting adventure story: 'The Secrets of Spiggy Holes' By Enid Blyton.



Mathematics

This term we will be focussing on Place Value and Addition & Subtraction in class:

We will be developing our understanding of numbers to 100,

Learn how to partition 2 digit numbers into tens and ones,

Compare groups focusing on more or less,

Count in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s and use facts to help us solve simple problems.

Begin to add and subtract single digit numbers to 2 digit numbers as well as two 2 digit numbers.

Understand the number system to 100 noticing patterns and similarities between numbers

We will also be revising key facts such as number bonds to 10 and 20, counting in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s and counting in 1s to 100 or more! We will practise these in our 'quick maths' sessions and it would be great if you would help your child to practice at home too!

Handwriting & Presentation



In all our work in English, Maths and across the curriculum, children will be expected to develop their skills to present work to the high standard. This will be demonstrated to them and will include handwriting tasks as well as activities to improve fine motor control, develop creativity and allow children to experiment with their own ideas for presentation.

RE

This term we will be studying 'What does it mean to belong to a faith community?' We will explore Christianity, Judaism and Islam religions to discover their beliefs.

Science – Mrs Stickland will teach your children for Science on a Thursday afternoon where they will learn about the Seasons of autumn and winter. They will also be experimenting with materials and will be testing and making decisions to find out which ones are most waterproof. This will be useful for Mr Grinling in The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch!

Art

We will be exploring paint this term and will be developing our painting skills. We will begin by thinking about 'resist' and how wax and oil can provide different effects when used alongside paint. We will be creating 'wave' landscape pictures inspired by the story of The Mousehole Cat and the artist Hundertwasser.



Computing

We will be learning about the dangers of the coast and how people have important jobs to help keep us safe. We will be using image and paint programmes to develop our simple ICT skills. These will be used to create our own posters linked to our topic.

We will all be thinking about On-line Safeguarding at the beginning and end of the term.

PSHE / Citizenship / Learning

Our focus will be on friendships to ensure that we care for one another, support each other and learn to resolve our own problems effectively. We will continue to build our learning power through recognition of our learning attitude and discover ways in which we can become even better learners!

PE - Mr Norton will take your child for PE on a Wednesday afternoon. They will develop their physical strength and will take part in simple games to help them develop control and a range of sporting skills.



Homework



Children in Year 1 and 2 should be reading for at least 15 or 20 minutes, with support at home each day, in addition to learning spellings and key number facts. Everyone also has a personal login for Mathletics, a fantastic on-line maths resource. Please do make sure that your child is accessing the resources regularly.