



# Oceans: Summer 2 2024

## Topic

The Year 2 topic this half term will be a geography-based topic: 'Oceans'. Children will consolidate previous learning about the continents, in addition to researching the world's oceans and its inhabitants. As part of this geographical topic, the children will develop their understanding of atlases and maps whilst studying the life and impact of explorers such as Captain James Cook.

Children will visit the Captain Cook Museum in Middlesbrough on 27.06.24. During their visit children will participate in a guided tour of the museum and will complete craft activities including observational drawing, quill writing and Aboriginal dot painting.

In addition, children will create various art projects to support their topic learning including weaving, printing and collages based around the sea.

## Reading

Reading is the most important skill a child can master. Children complete Star Reader tests each half term and are then given a reading range from which they can choose their reading books from Accelerated Reader. We dedicate a minimum of 20 minutes a day to reading these in school alongside guided reading sessions. When they finish a book, they complete a quiz on the book in school. However, please encourage your child to read their book of your choosing each night for at least 20 minutes. Please write in your child's reading log so they can receive certificates and prizes. We also encourage reading for pleasure: children explore any reading material of their choosing.

## English

In English, the children will explore piracy and others who sailed the high seas! We will be creating non-chronological reports based on their very own pirate island which they will design independently.

Children will also explore the features of a recount (diary entry) and will create their own recounts: 'A Day in the Life of a Pirate.' Ahoy me hearties!



reading plus

Home Learning

CENTURY

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In year, children will be provided with weekly homework and spellings to learn. These will go out on a **Friday** and must be **returned on the following Wednesday**. We ask that you support your children where possible and ask for support should you require it.

As a school, we provide the children with access to a range of exciting on-line learning environments. These include Purple Mash and Times Tables Rock Stars. These can be found on the Learning Zone on the school website.

## Maths

In maths, children will consolidate their understanding of Fractions and will also focus on 'Time'. Children will recap telling o'clock and half-past times. Children will then be introduced to quarter past and quarter to times, before telling the time to 5 minutes. Children will learn how many minutes in an hour and how many minutes in a day. Children will also explore tally charts, tables, block diagrams and pictograms as they complete their 'Statistic's unit of work. Finally, children will develop their understanding of position, movement, and direction.

## Science

In Science, children will consolidate their scientific knowledge and understanding from across the year. To link with our topic learning children will examine rockpools as a microhabitat and explore the sea creatures which live there. Children will also develop their understanding of ocean food chains.

## Computing

This term, children will be using 2Calculate on Purple Mash to produce spreadsheets. We will learn how to copy and paste, use the totalling tools, input money calculations, use the 2Calculate equals tool to check calculations and collect data and produce a graph. Children will also use Purple Mash to explore how to present their ideas: using mind maps, creating a quiz, producing a fact file (using 2Connect) and combining text, pictures and sound to present ideas (Using 2Create a Story).

## P.E.

Year 2 pupils will explore attack 'v' defence games and they will further their team building skills whilst practising activities in preparation for Sports Day: details to follow. Children will work with a Gymnastics teacher on Wednesday afternoons. Please can children come dressed in their PE kits on **Mondays** and **Wednesdays**.