



Kibworth Primary School
Year 4, Autumn Term 2



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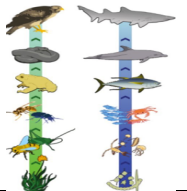


What a busy first half term we had! History was our key focus and we all loved learning about the Romans and the Roman Invasion. Our topic continued throughout our writing and the children produced some fantastic speeches as Queen Boudicca and worked on their oracy skills to perform them; we had some incredibly passionate (and rather terrifying) performances!

For the second half of the term our topic will be 'Blue Abyss'. We'll be diving to the bottom of the oceans to discover the fish and other animals that lurk in the depths. We will learn about the different climate zones and take a more in-depth look at the some of the animals that live in the Arctic. In science, we will be learning about the different animal groups and sorting them by these classifications. Throughout the unit, we will be thinking about how we can ensure we are responsible citizens and do our best to look after the planet.

English	
Non-fiction - Persuasive Writing	Fiction - Poetry
The children will learn how persuasive texts are structured and the language that is used in them. The pupils will then use these to structure a persuasive argument whilst using appropriate vocabulary to appeal to the reader's emotions. The writing outcome will be linked to the children's knowledge of The Great Barrier Reef.	This term, we will study descriptive language in poetry, specifically similes and metaphors. We will look at how these build up a picture in the reader's head, and how we can be creative in our comparisons. The children will practise writing their own similes and metaphors, which will lead to them writing their own sea creature poems.
Reading	
This half term we will continue to work on the skills needed to be able to understand and answer questions on a text. Our Fiction reading will be based around "The Last Polar Bear."	
Maths	
Subtraction	Multiplication
The children will continue to use their place value knowledge to subtract numbers with up to 4-digits. To begin they will focus on mental strategies which they can use to help when they move on to using the compact column method for subtraction.	There will be a continued emphasis on knowing multiplication and related division facts by heart and out of order. We will be focusing on using visual and pictorial representations to support the children's understanding and then building speed and accuracy in multiplying single digits mentally before moving on to using the compact method to multiply 3 x 1 digit numbers.

Science	Food Chains & Adaptation	Pupils will learn about the different layers of the ocean and the creatures that live there. They will classify creatures according to family and create food chains and webs after learning which creatures are predators and prey. We will then consider how animals have adapted to suit their environment.
Geography	Oceans and Continents	To develop their knowledge and understanding of the oceans, pupils will learn about the world's oceans and continents, and important lines of latitude and longitude. They will explore the importance of conservation and the fragility of the marine environment, which will be linked to our literacy topic on persuasive writing.
RE	Why is Jesus Inspiring?	We will be thinking about why Jesus was an inspiring figure and how his teachings have inspired peoples' actions. Year 4 will also be visiting the Church on December 6th for a 'Journey to Bethlehem' morning, learning about Jesus' life and how Xmas was started.
PE	Tag Rugby Circuits	Children will be practising their tag rugby skills with the PE Staff. Children will explore a range of different exercises to understand what tests agility, endurance, strength, stamina and speed and how to alter these activities to make them more or less challenging.
French	Numbers to 30	Children will continue exploring the basic foundations of the French language.
Music	Tabla Drums	Music will continue to be taught by the fantastic 'Dabla Arts'! The children will build on their rhythmic skills using the tabla drums.


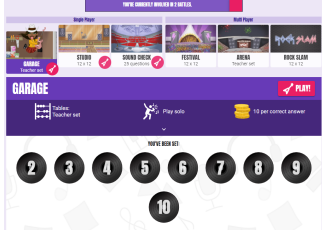
Outline of our Learning Journey:

Week 1 and 2: Exploring Ocean Habitats	
	In the first weeks of our new unit, either in school or at Aylmerton, we will be learning about coastal habitats and coastal erosion. We will then learn how scientists group all the animals in the animal kingdom and begin to recognise the differences and similarities between them.
Week 3 and 4: Food chains and webs	
	We will have two days focusing on both our physical and emotional health and well-being with a visit from St John's ambulance. The children will learn how to construct a food chain and food web for marine animals and they will research what happens if something disrupts this.
Week 5 and 6: Oceans and Continents	
	In weeks 5 and 6 we will switch from Science to Geography where we take a close look at the UK's seas and coastal ports. Then we widen our search to think about oceans and continents.
Week 7 and 8: Vincent Scarpace	
	Our final weeks will produce our third unit outcome. We will learn how to create tone and texture using pencil and create our own sea creature picture in the style of the artist Vincent Scarpace.

Things you may like to do at home:

- Read as much as you can
- Research how you can minimise your carbon footprint
- Be in charge of switching off the lights when no one is in the room
- Go on a litter picking walk
- Set up a plastic recycling system for your family to use
- Practise your times tables and try and beat your own score!

Useful Links:

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Hit The Button</u></p>  <p style="text-align: center;">www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Carry on practising your times tables when possible.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Times Tables Rockstars</u></p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Remember to write down your best score!</p>
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We are looking forward to a great first term of fun filled learning and wish to thank you all for your continued support.

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