

# UNDER THE SEA

**Topic:** Let's don our diving gear, and dive beneath the waves to discover what goes on under the sea. We'll be finding out how sea animals have adapted to their environment, which little sea creatures live in all of the nooks and crannies, and investigate the difference in fish species depending on the water temperature and depth.



**Literacy:** We will kick off the topic with some poster making. We all know about water pollution and if we don't try to stop it, many of the fish will die; will your poster save the fish? Underwater World writing will follow; will the sea creatures have a magical element to them and be able to talk or even have a sea disco; who could forget the singing crustacean in Little Mermaid? Fact files will be created with a range of fantastic writing and drawings.

**Numeracy:** Word problems, counting up and down in 10ths, recognizing fraction and decimal equivalents are to name a few numeracy lessons to keep us busy. All of these, along with our daily boardwork and times table practice.

**Art:** Sea themed mosaics will adorn our classroom walls, paper plate fish and artwork to represent the lost city of Atlantis.



**Games/PE:** The summer term will have us jumping over a rope as we try our hand at skipping once again, together with a few games of tennis. We will have our 'whites' at the ready for a spot of cricket in the second half term.

## Trips and Special Days

- 3 May – Visit to Chantry for new Year 4s
- 26 May – Non-uniform Day (Christian Aid)
- 9 June – KS2 Sea Habitat Trip
- 21 June – Year 4 Leavers' Service at the Cathedral
- 23 June – Teacher Training Day
- 5 July – KS2 Recorder Concert 2pm
- 11 July – Sainsbury Sports Day
- 12 July – Leavers' Lunch
- 13 July – New to KS2 meeting 3.15pm
- 17 July – Cricket Festival at Blagdon
- 21 July – Leavers' Service 9.30am



**Reading:** please check your child's reading record for this term's reading challenge



**ICT:** E-safety rules will be revisited before we launch into researching on the internet. With this new underwater knowledge we will be able to produce a powerpoint full of exciting facts and images

**History/Geography** The maps will be out again as we identify seas, oceans, continents and countries around the world. We will be investigating the uses for the various oceans and finding out about the positive and negative impact the uses may have on them.

**Science:** Habitats will be under scrutiny as we delve into the homes of land and sea creatures. Would you like to carry your home on your back like a hermit crab, or would you prefer the seclusion of an underground burrow?



**Christian Core Values/PHSE:** Now that we have our five core values – friendship, trust, forgiveness, hope and honesty we will be looking closely at how we can live our lives by these values.

**RE:** The Five Pillars of Islam will be researched, talked about and contrasted with the Christian faith.



**Homework:** literacy and numeracy homework will be given out on a Wednesday. They need to be handed in by the following Monday. Spellings will be given out with the homework on Wednesday and tested on the following Wednesday.

**Design Technology:** Your creativity will be needed for this topic, as we design and make model aquariums. Will the elastic band propel your milk carton boat through the water or will it sink like the Titanic?



**Music:** Our wonderful Mr Radford will continue teaching us recorder!