

## Curriculum Newsletter Summer Term ~ Year 1 & 2

So that you feel clear about the teaching and learning intentions for Summer Term 2016, please enjoy reading the following overview which outlines some of the curriculum areas we plan to cover. We hope that you find it helpful ...

Our main project is going to be based on Oceans, Seas and Continents around the world.

Through a series of lively and interesting activities the children will build their knowledge about the seas that surround the UK, the fascinating life of the Atlantic Ocean and the underwater world of the Pacific Ocean and the Great Barrier Reef.



They will begin to understand the different environments these represent, how they affect life on land as well as at sea and how life is adapted to living in the Atlantic. They will develop their geographical skills, map reading skills, knowledge of compass points and build up their understanding of food chains, exploration, and evolution.

Inspired by sea monsters and mythological creatures, they will listen to sounds of the sea and write a powerful poem, also a fantasy island poem inspired by a message in a bottle from a shipwrecked sailor. They will learn how to talk like a pirate, design treasure maps and create treasure island models complete with characters, creatures and shelters.

They will investigate how waves are caused and how they move, carry out floating and sinking experiments and begin to understand waterproofing. They will also research the development of boats and ships, changes in their power sources, changing length of voyages, the history of regattas and the life of seafarers.

Inspired by the stormy seascapes of J. M. W. Turner, they will use a variety of techniques to create textured watercolour paintings and turn them into sea-storm collages. They will also use colour-wash and 3D sculpture techniques to create a sculpture of a sea creature they have researched before making a short documentary about it.

To celebrate the work achieved in this project there will be a pirate themed day and finally a regatta with sandwiches and prizes!

Kind regards, Mrs Haynes

### Update:



Please do not forget to read as often as possible. Reading is not just to find out about a story and enjoy it, it also helps us build up a bank of words in our heads to use in our writing as well as giving us ideas for our creative writing. Tell us about all the things you read as well as your school book ... ones from your book shelf at home, recipes, magazines ... it is all valuable reading.

### Messages ...

- Homework goes out on a Friday and is due back in school on Wednesday.
- Please keep a PE kit in school all week. PE sessions are on Monday and Wednesday as standard, but other sessions may arise as linked with the project or extra opportunities.