



Blue Abyss

Year 4 - Spring 2021

Grab your wetsuit! We're going on a deep sea adventure.

This half term, we'll have a visitor bringing touch tanks in to gain an insight into the ocean world. We'll sketch different creatures and create clay sculptures of our favourite. Writing poems inspired by our favourite sea creatures will help us to develop a rich vocabulary. Using maps, globes and atlases, we'll identify the world's oceans and seas. We'll also find different ways of grouping living things. Diving back into the 1800s, we'll learn all about the HMS *Challenger*. We'll research Jacques Cousteau and write biographies about his exciting explorations. We'll study Antony Gormley's *Another Place* sculpture and write reviews. After locating the Great Barrier Reef on a map, we'll learn about the risks it faces.

At the end of our unit of work, we'll invite you in to see the work we have been doing.

Memorable experience	Touch Tanks
Innovate challenge	Art exhibition
English	Poetry; Dilemma stories; Biographies; Persuasive letters
Art & Design	Observational drawing; 3-D models; Clay sculpture; Anthony Gormley; Batik; Printing; Seascapes
Computing	Programming; Video editing; Multimedia presentations
History	19th century ocean exploration
Geography	Seas and oceans of the world; The Great Barrier Reef; Environmental issues
Science	Living things and their habitats; Animals, including humans; Working scientifically
Science investigations	Are all sea creatures the same? How does pollution affect habitats?

Help your child prepare for their project

Oceans are remarkable and fascinating places that are full of life. We are very lucky to live on an island and be surrounded by the sea. Why not visit the coast together to see the sea up close or go rock-pooling? You could also look at an atlas or online map to find out which seas and oceans surround Britain. Alternatively, work together to create an under-the-sea collage using different materials to represent the plants, creatures and water.

Dates for Year 4

Date	Activity
Wednesday 10th February 2021	Touch Tank visit
w/c 22/3/21	Parents invited to come into school to see the work produced during this unit.



