

### **English (Topic)**

In English, the children will be writing poems based on the sea. We will also be focusing on dilemma stories, writing biographies and persuasive letters. We will also be handing out spellings as soon as initial assessments are completed.

### **Computing**

Due to the current situation, the children will not be using the laptops. We will be handing out TT Rockstars log ins, as well as demonstrating ICT skills in class. They can use these skills for their topic homework.

### **MFL French**

We will be starting a topic based on getting to know each other. This will include greetings, how we are feeling and numbers (1-20 to start with and then we will try to 100)!

### **PE**

The children will be practicing a range of competitive games, building their strength and agility. We will be mainly working outdoors. This term we will be focusing on all of the skills associated with Hockey.

### **Geography**

We will focus on seas and oceans of the world, as well as the Great Barrier Reef and environmental issues.

### **History**

We will look at 19th century ocean exploration, where we will learn about Jacques Cousteau and his explorations.



## **Blue Abyss Topic**

### **Year 4**

**Autumn 1 2020**

### **Maths**

The children will be continuing to focus on times tables (and corresponding divisions) up to 12 x 12. We will be learning about Number and Place Value. Please continue to use TT Rockstars (log ins will be handed out).

### **RE and PSHE**

In RE, we are focusing on the question 'what do different people believe about God?' (Christians, Hindus and/or Muslims). Our value for this half term is Forgiveness. We will also be focusing on Resilience as a class (to help during these tricky times).

### **Art/ Design and Technology**

The children will be creating clay models of sea creatures (plus many more art activities to create an under-the-sea display). We will be doing observational drawings. We will also be designing a submarine out of recyclable materials.

### **Science**

We will sort and group living things under the sea. We will also explore and use classification keys. We will look at oceanic food chains, and also how creatures have adapted for survival in this extreme environment. We will investigate changes of temperature in water, as well as research the crown-of-thorns starfish, thought to be one of the greatest threats to the Great Barrier Reef.

### **Music**

The class will begin their Wopps lessons on their string instruments on Thursday afternoons. A letter confirming the date/permission slip for instrument hire is to follow shortly.