

# Links to Learning

## At School

### Topic: Blue Abyss

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

This half term, we'll watch different video clips of the sea and understand how it can be "calm" or "stormy". We will read and write poems which will help us to develop a rich vocabulary. We will investigate, sort and classify sea creatures and learn about food chains. We will read a version of "20,000 leagues under the sea" by Jules Verne and examine the characters, imagining what it would be like to be a deep sea diver. Using maps, globes and atlases, we'll identify the world's oceans and seas and learn some of the vocabulary such as "Southern hemisphere" and "Equator". We will learn about Cornelius Drebbel the inventor of the submarine in the early 1600s, and make our own working models. At the end of the topic, we will discuss pollution, especially plastic waste in the ocean and the effect it has on ecosystems and sea creatures

### Literacy/ Texts/ Creative writing:

Poetry writing, reading and retrieving information from non-fiction texts, report writing, story writing and character descriptions

**PSHE:** NSPCC Speak out, stay safe. Improving learners' self-awareness and supporting them to learn about their emotions. Increasing understanding of how feelings and behaviour are linked. Developing skills for building and maintaining safe and appropriate relationships. Developing their self-esteem and confidence through improving and practising their skills. Supporting them to learn about and helping them recognise different types of abuse whilst giving them strategies to speak out about their worries. Showing them how their school is a safe place. Identifying trusted adults in and out of school to talk to about their worries.

**RWI:** Read Write Inc. is a programme that provides a cohesive and creative approach to teaching learners to read, write and spell.

**Numeracy:** The Numicon approach is used to support your young person's understanding of Number across the school. Through the multi-sensory activities and mathematical language of Numicon, your young person will develop the understanding and skills that underpin their later understanding of number.

## At Home

Oceans are remarkable and fascinating places that are full of life. Why not look at video clips of the coast together? You could also look at an atlas or online map to find out which seas and oceans surround Britain. Have a look at a picture of "Another Place", a piece of modern sculpture by Sir Antony Gormley located at Crosby Beach in Merseyside. How does it make you feel? Try making a boat or a submarine together. Alternatively, work together to create an under-the-sea collage using different materials to represent the plants, creatures and

## Feedback from Home

**Name:**

**Class:**

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