



Autumn Term Curriculum Letter

Kenwyn Class Y4 2019



Awesome Oceans

Ocean adventure is at the heart of this topic. The children will study the mysteries of the oceans, the creatures that inhabit them and the wrecks that have been lost in local waters. Our rugged coastline will be used to fuel their imaginations by uncovering stories of exploration, disasters, smuggling and piracy. Further ideas will be added from the ocean based stories of Michael Morpurgo. The children will look at lifecycles and habitats, oceans and seas. They will look at the environmental issues that affect the world's oceans and seas; this will link to ocean food webs and the impact environmental issues have on our wonderful ocean creatures.

For maths we follow the 2014 National Curriculum - details can be found on our website.

In RE we follow the Cornwall Agreed Syllabus



Homework: In Kenwyn Class, most weeks children will receive weekly homework (usually literacy, numeracy or science based). This homework will be given out on a Monday, due back on the Friday. Children will also receive their weekly spellings on a Monday, these will be sent home in their purple spelling books. Children are expected to practise these spellings at least three times in their spelling books, which will be checked. Children will then need their spelling books back in school on a Friday for the spelling test.

Children are expected to read every evening, either independently or with an adult. All reading needs to be recorded in the reading record. Also, please ensure children are practising their times tables regularly as this is crucial for Year 4 maths lessons.

If you would like to explore our topic of Awesome Oceans at home, the enrichment activity grid (attached) provides activity ideas to support your child's learning. The tasks will be optional. However if you choose to complete any, they are a great opportunity to enrich learning and we'd love to celebrate them in class.

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you've had a lovely summer and you are ready to support your child for Year 4 of their primary education! We have had a lovely few days back discovering what life is like in Kenwyn Class and have already produced some impressive work! We are lucky enough to have Mrs Ruberry every morning along with Miss Musgrove and Mrs Alexander (Wednesdays) supporting us with our learning this year.

Children will require their PE kits on various days throughout the week, so it is essential that your child has their full PE kit (trainers, PE shirt and shorts) in school **every day** - as we aim to do daily physical activity.

You can see what your child is doing in class by following our class page on the school website. I will also be using Class Dojo. Personal log in details have been sent home with this letter to ensure you can view the Class Dojo information. You can also use this App to message me with and questions and information I might need to know, although any urgent or important messages should still go via the school office. Occasionally I will send reminders home using Class Dojo too. Photos and information from various lessons will be posted on here and it is a great way of starting a conversation with your child at the end of the day about what they have been doing! Please also remember to check the schools twitter feed to see all the exciting things going on in school - this can be accessed and viewed through the school website.

Please feel free to come and talk to me if you have any questions or concerns or book an appointment through Mrs Sach.

Kind Regards

Louise Musgrove (Kenwyn Class Teacher)

Enrichment Activity Grid - Awesome Oceans Y4

<p>Visit a fishmongers. Name ten types of seafood you can buy there or make a list of the benefits of eating fish in your diet.</p>	<p>Plan a round the world cruise. Make a papier-mâché globe to show the oceans and seas of the world on which you sail.</p>	<p>Play: I went to the beach - list game with your family and include as many sea animals as you can. How many did you remember?</p>	<p>Draw and label the parts of any ocean creature (mammal, fish, crustacean etc.)</p>	<p>Imagine being trapped on an island. You are very hungry. Make the meal you would most like to eat once found.</p>	<p>If you were the captain of a pirate ship what flag would you fly at the top of your mast? Draw or make it.</p>
<p>Make a 3D mermaid, octopus or shell fish.</p>	<p>Make some fishy shaped cookies and decorate them.</p>		<p>Who was the first person to sail all the way to America from Britain?</p>	<p>Make sea shell wind chimes.</p>	<p>Cornish coves were great for smugglers to hide in. Explain what a smuggler is and why they needed to hide.</p>
<p>What are the layers of the ocean called? Can you draw or make something to show this?</p>	<p>What is a ships figure head? Where can one be found? Are they all the same?</p>	<p>Name as many circumnavigators as you can.</p>	<p>Locate all the lifeboat stations in Cornwall. Can you locate them on a map/remember where they are? How many are there?</p>	<p>Make a model of a ship/boat/yacht that once sailed around the world.</p>	<p>Make a sand sculpture on the beach and take a photograph to show us all and put on display.</p>
<p>Use the internet to find out the sea temperatures in six different locations around the world and plot the temperatures on a bar chart.</p>	<p>Name all the Cornish light houses. Why do you think they are positioned where they are? Are they all on land?</p>	<p>There have been many shipwrecks off the coast of Cornwall. Can you name a vessel that was wrecked and say what it was transporting and where they hit the coastline?</p>	<p>Design your own Cornish seascape picture.</p>	<p>Make an ocean, a seaside scene or a ship in a bottle.</p>	<p>Learn and sing a verse from a well-known Cornish sea shanty. Sing it to your class or teacher.</p>