

# A Drop in The Ocean: Coasts of the British Isles



Westerleigh Class - Year 6 - Summer 2021



## Key Areas of Learning

'You are not a drop in the ocean, you are the entire ocean in a drop' Rumi.

During the first half of the Summer Term we will learn about the Coastlines of the British Isles. We will understand how beaches are formed and how they change as a result of the tides and erosion. We will locate different types of beaches in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland and discuss their impact on humans and animals.

In the second half of term we will focus on ways of better looking after the coast, our beaches, oceans and the creatures that live in them. We will look into plastic pollution and decide on actions that we can take individually and collectively to protect our coast and the ocean.

### ENGLISH

For inspiration and comprehension activities we will be reading 'Orphans of The Tide' by Struan Murray as our whole class text. We will supplement this with many information texts and poems about beaches and oceans.

Our writing will focus on poetry and non-fiction writing including composing letters to our MP, writing persuasively and writing arguments. We will also learn more about play scripts.

We will focus on many different aspects of the Year 5 and 6 spelling, punctuation and grammar elements of the National Curriculum.

### MATHEMATICS

For the Summer Term the focus is on:

- Arithmetic
- Geometry and the properties of shapes including triangles, polygons, parts of a circle, nets of shapes.
- Problem solving across all the aspects of Maths in KS2.
- Statistics including pie charts and line graphs.

### SCIENCE

We will be focusing on:

- Electricity
- Puberty, Relationships and Sex Education
- Evolution and Inheritance

### PE

This term's focus will be on:

- Cricket
- Athletics

### RE

During our RE days will be learning about Akirah – belief in everlasting life and judgement in the Muslim faith.

### COMPUTING

Circumstances (and devices) allowing, we will attempt to make short films, animations, documentaries, podcasts and even radio shows this term. We will focus on script writing, research, filming, interviewing and editing. We will focus on environmental activism and making an difference where and however we can.

### PSHCE

During our whole school International Week, our class will be looking closely at Scotland, and particularly the Shetland Isles. A great deal of our PSHCE work this term will focus on transition to the next point in schooling and also on Puberty, Relationship and Sex education.

### MUSIC

We will focus on a unit of work entitled 'Happy!' Perfect for the Summer weather and beach theme we will use the 'Happy' by Pharrell Williams, 'Walking on Sunshine' by Katrina and The Waves and 'Don't Worry Be Happy' by Bobby McFerrin.

### FRENCH

We will learn a little bit of French that we might be able to use when visiting coastal resorts or when on holiday in France.