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Welcome back to Summer 2!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school everyone and to Summer 2! I hope you have enjoyed your half term break and are looking forward to the new half term.

In Class 4, we are looking forward to having lots of fun learning new things and consolidating our learning from Summer 1. This half term our Cornerstones topic is Blue Abyss. We are looking forward to our trip to Blue Reef Aquarium on Wednesday 8th June! We will be enjoying learning all about the underwater world of incredible coral and mysterious sea creatures. Please keep an eye on our section of the school website to find out about all the exciting things we are doing in class.

Just a few notes for your diary: homework will be given out on Mondays and spellings will be given out on Wednesdays. We expect homework back in school (or on DB) by Friday morning. Our spelling tests are on Monday mornings so don't forget to practise your spellings!

Finally, PE kits! Please send in a PE kit on a Monday and leave it at school throughout the week. We will return this home on a Friday. Our PE days change each half term depending on available coaches in school.

I am really looking forward to continuing to get to know both you and your children over this half term. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask.

Many thanks,

Miss Owens

Blue Abyss



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

This half term, we'll visit an aquarium 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. As a challenge, we'll create model submarines using recycled materials and program an onscreen submarine. 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 the ILP, we'll listen to the soothing sounds of whale song and write ballads about whales. We'll invite you to visit our 'Oceans art gallery' and deliver workshops about sustainability.

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| ILP focus | Science |
| English | Poetry, stories, biographies, persuasive letters, ballads |
| Art & design | Observational drawing, 3-D models, clay sculptures, Antony Gormley – <i>Another Place</i> , Batik art, printing, famous seascapes |
| Computing | Programming, video editing, multimedia presentations |
| D&T | Submarine design, working models |
| Geography | Seas and oceans of the world, the Great Barrier Reef, environmental issues |
| History | 19th century ocean exploration |
| Science | Living things and their habitats, animals including humans |

Help your child prepare for their project

Oceans are remarkable and fascinating places that are full of life. Why not visit the coast together to see an ocean or sea up close? 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.