

Summer Term

Year 2



Curriculum Topic

Seaside Rescue

This term in Year 2 our topic is Seaside Rescue.

In our history lessons we will : study Grace Darling, one of the first people to carry out a seaside rescue off the coast of the British Isles. We will also look at modern seaside rescues so that we understand how different they are to the past. As the inventor of the first life-boat, William Woodhave came from South Shields we will find out more about his designs and how they have developed since his time.

In our geography lessons we will: use geographical vocabulary to describe coastal landscapes, use Google Earth to see what these landscapes look like and will make our own maps. The maps will have grid references, symbols and keys – just like real maps. We will text books as a stimulus such as *At the Beach* and *Dougal's Deep Sea Diary*.

In our science lessons we will : Explore, identify and categorise materials and their properties. We will carry investigations to discover what materials would be most effective to make an umbrella/parasol and a swimming suit/shorts. We will investigate how electricity is used in everyday appliances and will discover how to make a simple circuit which includes bulbs, buzzers and motors and how that circuit can be broken. We will also study floating and sinking, look at how the type of material and shape of an object effects if an object can float or sink.



In our Literacy lessons, children will carry out fictional based writing such as: diary entries, setting descriptions, poetry and narratives. They will also carry out non-fictional based writing such as: newspaper reports, non-chronological reports, persuasive writing and posters (informative).

Texts we will look at: Dougal's Deep Sea Diary, The Storm Whale and Grandma Bird.

In our Numeracy lessons we will: focus on securing all number facts of number bonds to 10, 20 and 100 and will practise using all four operations (+, -, x, ÷). We will tell the time to the o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to and then will explore telling the time to the nearest 5 minutes. We will also learn about halves and quarters by finding fractions of shapes, objects and quantities.

Other activities

We will also create paintings of stormy seas, explore the work of the RNLI and explore the feelings that we have when we hear stories of bravery and courage. We will carry out sketches of Grace Darling and create poems about her life. We will learn and edit a variety of sea shanties to sing and perform that will eventually go onto Youtube for parents to watch. We will be looking at plastic pollution and the effect it has on our environment and marine life. We will focus on single use plastic and link this with Science to carry out enquiries. We will create artwork, using only bottle tops.