



"All Learning Together"

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Dear Parents,

Ouse Class Curriculum Letter - Spring Term 2020

A big welcome back to everyone in Ouse Class and a special welcome to Alice and her family who have recently joined Langton Primary. I hope everyone had a nice rest after the long Autumn Term and had a fun and happy Christmas and New Year! Both Mrs Jackson and I are very excited for the term ahead and looking forward to 2020!

Please be reminded that next week (Tuesday 14th January 2020) will be our class trip to The Deep in Hull to launch our exciting new underwater themed topic 'Blue Abyss'.

English

Our English this term will be linked to our topic 'Blue Abyss.' Within this, we will be studying the poem 'The Sea' by James Reeves. We will be looking at language features such as alliteration, personification and metaphors. Building on this we will write our own personification poem about a creature we observed during our visit to 'The Deep'.

We will read a short narrative story about the effects of plastic pollution on our ocean wildlife and using research, will write our own short narrative tale, incorporating the grammar we have learned. We will be learning and researching the life of Jacques Cousteau, including why he is an important figure and then write a short biography of his life.

Children will continue to cover Spelling and phonics (where applicable) in discrete lessons. **Spelling tests will be on a Friday.**

Maths

Following on from our work last term, we will be using our mental multiplication and division skills to help with written multiplication and division. We will apply this to solve multi step problems before moving on to studying fractions. This will involve finding fractions of quantities, adding fractions and finding equivalent fractions. We will also be spending some time converting measures involving length and finding the perimeter and area of 2d shapes.

Times tables are a key focus in our class throughout the year, particularly with the Year 4 Multiplication Check coming up in June. Children have weekly times tables tests on a Monday and are

Head teacher: Mrs Rachel Ray
Chair of Governors: Mr Howard Widdall

Creates opportunity



Releases potential



Achieves excellence

encouraged to use **TimeTable Rockstars** to improve their confidence and speed with times tables. You can find the log in at the front of their Reading Record.

Topic

As mentioned above, our topic for this term will be 'Blue Abyss' in which children will gain an insight into the ocean world. Throughout the term, we will sketch different creatures and create clay sculptures of our favourite. Using maps, globes and atlases, we'll identify the world's oceans and seas and learn about the layers of the ocean. Diving back into the 1800s, we'll learn all about the HMS Challenger. After locating the Great Barrier Reef on a map, we'll learn about the risks it faces and how we can reduce plastic pollution in the seas.

Mrs McAfee: As in the Autumn term, Mrs McAfee will teach the children on Wednesday afternoons for the first half of this term, covering the subjects of RE and PE. In **RE** the topic will be 'Why people pray.' Children will learn about Christian, Islamic and Hindu prayer and compare and contrast the three religions. In **PE** the focus is on gymnastics and the children will work towards creating a sequence involving travelling, rolls, jumps and balances.

Science

In the second half of this term, Mrs Huntriss will teach the children science on Monday afternoons. The focus of the sessions this half term will be 'Electricity' (children will learn to recognise conductors and insulators and construct simple electrical circuit using buzzers, switches and lamps) and 'Rocks' (children will learn about different types of rock, look at how fossils are formed and how soil is formed).

Homework - Children will receive homework on a Friday and it should be brought back into school on a Wednesday, unless it is a whole school Topic homework, which children have 2 weeks to complete. Children who do not bring homework to school on time will complete it in homework club during Wednesday lunchtime.

Sometimes Maths homework will be set on **Mathletics**. Children can find the log in for this at the front of their Reading Records. They are encouraged to complete any additional tasks set in their own time to improve their maths fluency.

PE this half term will be on Wednesday and Thursdays. Please make sure children have their kit in school on these days.

I look forward to working with you over the course of the next two terms and if you have anything you would like to discuss, please feel free to come see me.

Kind Regards

Miss R. Boyle