

CURRICULUM FOCUS

Spring A 2022

Year Group: Year 3



Topic Title: Investigating Coasts

Aspects to be taught: Our topic for the Autumn term is 'Investigating Coasts'

- Our topic will be based on the formation of coasts in the UK and abroad. We will be looking at: what coasts are and how they are formed; finding out about the physical features of coasts and how erosion effects them; exploring different strategies of coastal management; identifying different types of beaches; using maps to locate; identify and describe different coastal areas; learning how changes in land use will effect people and the environment in different ways.
- In our English lessons, we will be looking at "The Secret of Black Rock" by Joe Stanton and using this to write our own Dilemma stories. We will also be using the book 'A pebble in my pocket' to write a Chronological report about the formation of rocks. Along side this we will be creating a poster about the formation of coasts with clear labels and lots of detail.
- In Maths, we will be continuing with our Addition and Subtraction topic where we will be learning to add and subtract using the column method. We will be using this to solve reasoning and problem solving questions.
- In Computing, we will be using Purple Mash to understand how to use, create and interpret spreadsheets.
- In RE, our focus is Judaism. During these lessons, we will be: learning facts about Judaism and Jewish beliefs; learning about the smaller Jewish celebrations including Passover, Sukkot and Purim; learning about how, when and why Jewish people celebrate Hannukah; thinking about who and what Jewish people believe in; finding out about their holy book and place of worship; recognising their key symbols and describing their meanings.
- In Geography, we will be using atlases to find and locate coastal areas, looking at their physical features and understanding how they're formed.
- In History, we will be investigating how coastal areas have changed over time and finding out reasons for this.
- **Our PE days will be on Monday and Wednesday. Please make sure your child comes to school in their full PE kit (including trainers/plimsolls) on these days.**
- Our PSHE focus will be Rights and Responsibilities. During these sessions we will be learning about our role in the world and how we can be responsible for our own and others well-being.
- In MfL, we will be continuing to converse in Spanish.

We would like you to:

- Read with your child as often as possible, asking them questions about the story and characters. Please ensure you sign your child's bookmark every time they read. Make sure your child checks for their book on Accelerated Reader when they have finished and take a quiz if there is one available.
- Remind your child to complete 10 garages on Timestable Rockstars every week. This will be checked on a Friday.
- Your child is required to complete three spelling games on Ed Shed every week. This will be checked on a Friday
- Please ensure that your child has a named water bottle in school each day.
- Please make sure all your child's uniform and equipment is named.

Additional Information:

- A Spring Calendar featuring key dates for the term has been sent separately.