

Our topic is 'Land Ahoy!'

<u>English</u> - This half term we will be centred around the heroic actions of Grace Darling and the famous discoveries of Christopher Columbus. This lends a history focus to our English learning to support our use of the past tense and writing about real events. We will also use this stimulus to write about a setting and even write our own Desert Island stories!

<u>Maths</u> - In Maths lessons this half term we will be focused on all areas of the curriculum - mixed calculations (add, subtract, multiply and divide), fractions, skip counting in 2s, 5s and 10s (as well as 3s in Year 2), solving money problems (including giving change - Year 2), measuring height and weight, reading analogue clocks (to the nearest 15 minutes in Year 2; to the hour and half past for Year 1). The children will undertake a "Maths Mission" to consolidate all of their learning.

<u>Computing/</u>ICT - In Computing/ICT we will be developing our programming skills using Discovery Coding and Busy Things Coding. The children will recap and improve their coding skills including debugging and creating their own programs.

<u>Art and D&</u>T - In Art we will use different materials to create seaside/beach/sea creature related artwork.

<u>PSHE and RE</u> - In PSHE we will be looking at transition, be that into Year 3 or into a new class within Shelton Infants. We will discuss the challenges ahead as well as sharing our favourite memories of life in Shelton Infant school so far. In RE we will be developing our knowledge of Islam, in particular the festivals and celebrations, as well as the main features of the faith.

<u>PE—Athletics/</u>Games - In PE will be developing our athletics skills via a range of fun and exciting games and activities designed to improve running, jumping and throwing skills. The children will learn about good technique and offer feedback to their friends to enable them to develop and improve.

Science - In Science we will investigate plants, their parts, what they need to survive and thrive and we will also conduct a small survey of plants that grow around the school grounds. Additionally we will be undertaking an experiment and making predictions about how well we think plants will grow under certain conditions (light vs no light, water vs no water and so on).

History - Tied in closely to our English learning we will study Grace Darling and Christopher Columbus. <u>Geography</u> - In Geography we are developing our map reading and map making skills linked with the Year 2 trip to Skegness. The children will also compare and contrast Derby and Skegness, as well as two different seaside resorts, identifying the particular features (physical and human) that create each place.

Helping your child at home.

Listening to your child read regularly each week is very important. Please record when you have read with your child in their reading dairy. Encourage your child to complete their homework and hand it in by Monday morning.

Have fun!

Aim high!

Achieve well!

Don't forget -