



## Autumn Term in Upper School

Our topic for the whole of the Autumn term is based around 'Oceans.' We launched the topic with a fun and exciting trip to Old Hunstanton Beach and the Sealife Centre and have been doing follow up work linked to this experience. We aim to incorporate our topic into all areas of the curriculum which will be done in the following ways:

**ENGLISH:** We are currently reading 'Kensuke's Kingdom' by Michael Morpurgo which is a fantastic story about a young boy who gets stranded on an island whilst sailing around the world with his parents. The children have written a non-chronological report about a marine life species and are currently writing a journalistic recount on the disappearance of Michael. Later in the term, the children will write a story based around an oceanic adventure.

**MATHS:** Place value and calculations are our main focus for this term. We will be ensuring that the children can use both mental and written calculation methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. They will apply these skills to fluency and problem-solving SAT style questions.

**SCIENCE:** We are currently classifying marine life species and understanding the features and characteristics that make them unique. We will be learning about their life cycles and how their habitats help them to survive.

**RE:** Buddhism is our focus for this term and the children will be given the chance to explore the beliefs that Buddhists hold. The children will also learn about Incarnation/Christmas.

**PSHE:** We are focussing on relationships for this term which gives the chance to relate to Michael from 'Kensuke's Kingdom' as well as draw on their own experiences.

**GEOGRAPHY:** The children will be learning about the different seas and oceans of our world. They will compare the difference between an ocean and a sea and will investigate how this impacts sea life within them.

**ART:** The children will be trying out different colouring techniques; one of which will be using red and black pens to decorate images of sea creatures.

**MUSIC:** Children will be focussing on beat and rhythm this term, with Mr Robinson spending 6 weeks with both Year 5 classes on Djembe drums.

**PE:** Year 6 are currently receiving weekly swimming sessions at Stanground Academy and year 5 will be swimming after half term. In addition to this, the children will get the opportunity to do a range of outdoor sports, including the chance to do Forest Schools with Mrs Grange. Please ensure the children have their PE kits in school every day.

**COMPUTING:** We aim to use IT skills as much as possible within class but all the children will also be taught programming and coding skills by using our new software, Purple Mash.

**HOMEWORK:** Homework continues to be set on a Friday and is collected in on a Thursday. It is important that all children bring their homework in on Thursdays as the children go through it at length with their teachers during the afternoon.

I hope you agree that we have got a fun and action-packed term ahead. As always we would love to welcome any parents/carers/family members into school if you feel you could add to our learning at all.

Many thanks

The Upper School Team