

## **Geography**

The main focus this half term will be naming and locating the seas and oceans of planet earth. There will be very strong links to sea pollution and recycling.

## **Science**

Our focus this half term is plants and what conditions they need to grow.

We will be growing our own plants and the children will be making and recording their observations which will help towards their understanding of a plant life cycle.

We will be taking a trip to Kew Gardens (after Easter) to see which plant species we can find and to have lessons from the experts!

## **PSHE**

We will be teaching the children about the Rule of Law and how the government affects the way of British life. We will also be closely looking at recycling, why it is important and how we can all help.

## **Topic Overview**

This half term we will be teaching the children about the effects of single use plastics on planet earth. We will be mainly looking at sea pollution and the effects on the sea beds and creatures that live there.

We will be using a range of sources including factual books, stories, posters and videos, however, we will be focusing on the BBC programme of Blue Planet II. This series has been rated U and therefore appropriate for all ages however we understand that some scenes are of a more sensitive matter. If you wish to view these episodes and discuss it with your child, all episodes can be found on BBC iPlayer.

Plastic pollution is one of the biggest threats to our way of life and we feel it is a priority to teach this subject with care and honesty.

## **At home**

- Discuss what you do in your house to help planet earth (turning the tap off, recycling food waste, walking and not driving...)
- Allow the children to look at world maps and globes - can they find England? Can you find out an interesting fact about the ocean?
- Help your children memorise the names and locations of the 5 oceans.

## **Dates to remember**

**4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> March: Parents Evenings**

**6<sup>th</sup> March: World Book Day dressing up**

**20<sup>th</sup> March: Mother's Day Lunch**

**20<sup>th</sup> March: Kew Gardens payment due in**

**3<sup>th</sup> April: INSET Day**

**23<sup>rd</sup> April: Kew Gardens Trip – back at 4:30**

## **English**

Non-fiction texts and persuasive writing is the main focus of this half term.

We will be looking at the key features of non-fiction texts and how they differ from fiction texts, as well as the use of language to be persuasive.

The children will be using the skills they learn in their persuasive writing combined with their geography knowledge to write letters to the government about the impact of single use plastic on our seas.

## **Maths**

We will continue to look at counting in 2's, 5's and 10's. We will then be using this knowledge to solve multiplication and division sums.

We will also be looking closely at addition and subtraction by using a number line and moving onto the column method.

Finally, we will be looking at collecting data and analysing it in the form of tally charts, block graphs and simple tables.

# **Planet Earth**



**Year 2 - Spring 2**  
**Topic Leaflet**