

Year 4 - Our topic this term is the Blue Abyss

As artists and designers we will: study the work of Jason Scarpace and use his work as the inspiration for our own painting. We will learn about the colour wheel and mix different paints to produce warm and cool tones of colour.

As scientists we will:

learn how animals and plants adapt to their local environment and how feeding relationships can be affected by environmental change. As part of this, the children will study which plants and animals thrive in a coastal habitat and how they have adapted to this hostile environment. We will construct food chains and understand why species can become endangered if part of the chain is under threat.

In RE, the topic we will be investigating is Islam: Family Life and Values.

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** In Geography, we will look at the major ocean, seas and rivers of the world.*

** We will use our trip to Thurstaston to pond dip and beachcomb*

** Our visit to the zoo will allow us to look at a variety of aquatic animals and learn more about their environments*

As mathematicians we will:

** continue to develop our knowledge of place value, building on our work in Year 3 as well as understanding Roman numerals*

** add and subtract using formal written methods, this will also involve reasoning and problem solving*

** work on rapid recall of times table facts up to 12 x 12*

As writers we will:

** use the poem *The Sea* by James Reeves as a focus for personification*

** use the book *Flotsam* by David Wiesner to inspire writing about fantasy underwater setting, focussing on developing descriptive language.*

** this will then lead into persuasive writing where we will use *The Blue Planet* to write letters persuading companies to try and reduce their plastic usage.*

