

Parent Information

Grab your wetsuit! We're going on a deep sea adventure.

This half term, we'll visit an aquarium to gain an insight into the ocean world. We'll sketch different creatures and create clay sculptures of our favourite. Writing poems inspired by our favourite sea creatures will help us to develop a rich vocabulary. Using maps, globes and atlases, we'll identify the world's oceans and seas. We'll also find different ways of grouping living things. Diving back into the 1800s, we'll learn all about the HMS *Challenger*. We'll research Jacques Cousteau and write biographies about his exciting explorations. As a challenge, we'll create model submarines using recycled materials and program an onscreen submarine. We'll study Antony Gormley's *Another Place* sculpture and write reviews. After locating the Great Barrier Reef on a map, we'll learn about the risks it faces.

At the end of the ILP, we'll listen to the soothing sounds of whale song and write ballads about whales. We'll invite you to visit our 'Oceans art gallery' and deliver workshops about sustainability.

Help your child prepare for their project

Oceans are remarkable and fascinating places that are full of life. Why not visit the coast together to see an ocean or sea up close? You could also look at an atlas or online map to find out which seas and oceans surround Britain. Alternatively, work together to create an under-the-sea collage using different materials to represent the plants, creatures and water.

Suggested text	Treasure Island – Robert Louis Stevenson; 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea – Jules Verne; Manfish: A Story of Jacques Cousteau - Jennifer Berne; The Highwayman - Alfred Noyes
Memorable experience	Visit an aquarium
Innovate challenge	3-D art exhibition
English	Poetry; Dilemma stories; Biographies; Persuasive letters; Ballads
A&D	Observational drawing; 3-D models; Clay sculpture; Anthony Gormley; Batik; Printing; Seascapes
Computing	Programming; Video editing; Multimedia presentations
D&T	Designing submarines; Working models
Geography	Seas and oceans of the world; The Great Barrier Reef; Environmental issues
History	19th century ocean exploration
Science	Living things and their habitats; Animals, including humans; Working scientifically
Science investigations	Are all sea creatures the same? How does pollution affect habitats?