

**IDL TOPIC: Sciences, Social Studies and Sustainability.**

We will be continuing our learning about our Blue Planet. Linking together sustainability issues with Science and social studies, we will be learning more about:

-Food chains/

webs

-Plastic

waste

-Floating,

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buoyancy

(with

model

raft building)

- Classification

of species

(including learning at Deep Sea World)

We will also be building up our map reading and data handling skills as we learn more about our place and environment.

**Maths:** All pupils should be attempting at least one session of Xtra Math per week. **Pupils can get consolidation sheets printed if they prefer/have internet/tablet issues.**

**Spelling:** is issued on a Monday and due for the next Friday. (i.e. Unit 11 spelling is set Mon 26th Feb and due for Fri 9th March, Unit 12 will be due on 23/03...etc..)

**Reading:**

Reading book and diary should be brought every day. Class novels and homework are set and due each Monday and Thursday. However children should also have accelerated reading book everyday and should be aiming to read at home each night. Parents can check the regular test results of pupils via the AR home connect system online, where you can also look for suitable texts.

**P.E**: kit is needed every Monday and Thursday All children are required to wear ***indoor shoes*** in school. We appreciate all your help and support! **Any Q’s please just ask! ☺**

**Language and Literacy**

Well done on the 500 word submissions. We are now going to be moving on to non- fiction report writing, linked to our learning about oceans and science. Children will be issued homework to research and note take on a particular subject matter from our blue planet that interests them. We will use this interest to learn more about non-fiction reading and writing. Children will then be assessed on their listening and talking skills at the end of term as they share their findings with the rest of the class.

We also hope to see improved use of Accelerated reading (pupils own choice) this term!



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Our Blue Planet

**Mathematics and numeracy**

We will continue our learning of times tables this period, as well as mental maths skills. We will also be undertaking standardised assessments in maths and mental maths this term. We will play Basic Facts games regularly in order to achieve our mental maths targets, and undertake Big Maths once a week. In numeracy lessons we will be learning about the fractions, data handling and plenty of work in multiplication and division- which is so helpful in fraction work. If you are not completing Xtra math at home- please ask for written work which you can show to parents/carers.

**Health and Wellbeing**

In P.E we will be looking at golf this term. We will cover the fundamental skills of the game, and culminate in a design challenge to make and play a course, using the indoor golf resources we have borrowed from Sport Scotland and Dalkeith High.

We will continue to learn about food and nutritional needs and cleanliness and hygiene techniques this term- this will be done with Mr Watson.