

These are the exciting things I will be studying this half term...

English

This unit is developing students understanding of descriptive and narrative writing.

At the beginning of this topic, students will visit a local coastal town and will draw upon this experience to create a descriptive piece of writing.

Students will continue to build upon their writing skills to then explore narrative writing using *Ariki and the Island of Wonders* as a springboard to create their own narrative. Students will develop an understanding of writer's use of language and begin to make deliberate vocabulary choices in their own descriptions; to understand that writer's structure stories deliberately and create a piece of writing that has a sequence of events.

Humanities

In history this term we will be exploring coastlines with Captain James Cook to learn what exploration was like in the 18th century and why Captain Cook is remembered.

In Geography we will be exploring the coastlines of the UK. We will, hopefully, take a visit to Formby beach, weather permitting, and learn what geographical features are on coastlines and how to stay safe near water. We will also gain some firsthand experience using maps!

Science

In Science pupils will be learning about the uses and properties of everyday materials.

Pupils will have the opportunity to explore the properties of every day materials and develop their working scientifically skills through investigations.

Maths

This half term, students will be building upon their number knowledge and start to add and subtract numbers. Initially, concrete apparatus will be used to support students understanding.

Throughout the topic, students will become more confident in and develop their skills using pictorial support.

Students will then build upon this knowledge as they start to multiply and divide. Students will be able to use concrete resources and images to support their understanding of the link between repeated addition and multiplication.

They will be exposed to examples where groups are equal but look different. As students move through the curriculum, they will develop skills to be able to mentally calculate multiplication and division calculations.

PHSE

This half term students will be exploring the different communities that they belong to. Students will also be exploring our local community, whilst discussing how we can stay safe when we are out.

Towards the end of this term, we will also explore the ways that we can stay safe online.

Music

This half term pupils will learn about sea shanties and songs from around the British Isles, developing performance skills through call and response and by learning some simple chords on a ukulele.

ICT

The focus for the first half of the Autumn Term was that of transitioning to the ICT classroom and settling into a routine as there are a few new students this year. IT transition activities were designed and carried out in order to build pupil's confidence using technology. This half term we will complete the 'Online Safety' module. Students will learn about ways of communicating online, will build on their knowledge and understanding of cyberbullying, explore ways of managing and dealing with unkind behaviour, explore privacy online and will learn what a 'digital foot print' is and the impact of having one.