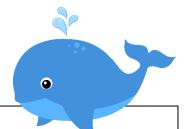
Primary 2 Learning Journal 4 Mrs McLeod and Mrs MacLeod



Interdisciplinary Topic

Our topic this term is Commotion in the Ocean through which we will be learning about ocean life. The children will be using maps and atlases to explore boundaries between the world's oceans. We will also be researching various sea creatures, using our non-fiction reading skills, and then using this information to create information leaflets. As part of this topic, we will also be learning about plastic pollution and how it is affecting ocean life. We will learn about World Oceans Day and look at ways that we can promote this. Article 24 & 30



<u>Science</u>

In Science, we will be exploring examples of food chains, showing an appreciation of how animals and plants depend upon each other for food. We will also link this to our IDA topic, looking at food chains within ocean life.

Children will also be looking at inheritance learning that family are groups of living things that have similar physical characteristics e.g. colour of eyes/hair, height, shape of petals etc. This is due to genetics. Article 24

Numeracy and Mathematics

We continue to consolidate addition and subtraction strategies through Big Maths and Number Talks.

We will be learning to tell the time to the hour and to the half hour, using analogue and digital 12 hour clocks. We will be learning to read timetables and calendars, ordering days of the weeks/months of the year and calculating durations of time.

We will also be consolidating the four operations $(+, -, x, \div)$ and linking these to real life contexts.

Article 29



<u>Literacy</u>

In our reading we will continue to develop skills in sight vocabulary, phonics, grammar and punctuation using a variety of resources. We will also develop our reading skills through our Commotion in the Ocean topic with a focus on non-fiction.

In phonics we will be using the sounds (ar, oi/oy, ear/ea, er/ir/ur, ou/ow, or/ore/aw/au, air/ear/are and oo). In handwriting we will continue to focus on capital letter formation. Our grammar will focus on singular and plural, alliteration, sentence openers, past tense, speech bubbles and speech marks. We will also develop our dictionary skills, looking at alphabetical order and how to locate words in a dictionary.

Through our Commotion in the Ocean topic, we will be creating information leaflets about various sea creatures. We will be learning a new story in 'Talk for Writing' where we will use text maps, actions and vocabulary to help up level our writing. Our focus this term is on direct speech.

We continue to develop skills in listening and talking through various activities including circle time and class talks.

Article 29

RME

We are learning about Islam. We will be learning about places of worship including the Mosque. Articles 8 & 14

Health and Wellbeing

We have two hours of PE per week. Our gym days are Thursday and Friday for P2MacL and Tuesday and Friday for P2McL. This term we are focusing on athletics and look forward to Sports Day. We will be learning about the organs of the body and the importance of staying healthy. We will be revisiting the Green Cross Code and practising this on walks within our community. Children will also take part in lessons to support their transition to Primary 3. Article 24