



## A Wonderful World: Appreciating God's Creations

This theme will showcase the world we live in. Each year group will have the chance to explore a special part of our world- starting on a local level and then venturing further afield. Geography and Science will be some of the main drivers in this unit, with each year group focusing on place knowledge to start their learning. This unit also has many enrichment opportunities: children will have the opportunity to experience what it is they are learning about, and to be able to draw effective comparisons to what they already know including their local area.



### Year 4 - Coasts

Through this topic focus, children will come to appreciate the natural beauty of the coastlines of Britain and abroad, developing an understanding of the natural processes that have formed them and the ways we continue to interact with and impact them.

Through the study of coasts' physical **Geography**, children will be able explain what a coast is, the locations of particular coastal areas in Britain and the world. They will recognise common features and understand the natural processes that form them. Studying human **Geography**, they will understand how humans interact with coastal areas and how we all benefit from and impact on coastal environments.

In **History**, children will learn how seaside towns have changed over time, from periods of growth and prosperity through decline and into the present day.

In **Science** children will study the wildlife of coastal areas, grouping and classifying and understanding how they interact as part of various food chains.

They will also recognise how changes to the coastal environment and pollution can impact on these natural systems and affect wildlife.

Through **Art**, children will express their appreciation for the wildlife and defining features of coastal areas, developing motifs in sketchbooks, ultimately expressing favourite ideas through textiles and the creation of a seaside-themed non-plastic wrap.

### Theme Impact

Children will have a deeper understanding of the importance of the coasts to us and our world and how people in the past and present utilised them and impacted upon them. They will understand why it is crucial to protect them for future generations and think creatively about how we can do this from afar.

### Catholic Social Teaching

Creation is a gift from God and provides us with these things, the basics for our lives, yet it can so easily and so often be taken for granted.

Gaining an appreciation of what God has created

Taking responsibility to create a sustainable world

Explore human actions on coasts: how have coasts been treated or neglected?

Experiencing closeness with God through the beauty and wonder of our world

Do children live out the teachings of scripture?

### Application

Children will look at the human effects on the coastlines and how this impacts on the plants and animals found there. Children will explore plastic-free solutions to everyday items and will create plastic-free sandwich wrap.

### Enrichment

Western Super Mare

### Wider Curriculum

*As well as exploring coasts, children will continue to learn in other areas of the curriculum alongside their theme. These areas include...*

#### Computing

Collaborating and communicating

#### PE

Handball

#### MFL - French

Greetings, colours, numbers

#### Cooking

Bread

#### Class Reader

