**Blue Planet Learning Week: Let’s write!**

**Blue Planet Introductory Lesson**
To introduce the topic we are going to use the BBC’s Blue Planet introductory lesson which can be found at the link below.
https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/live-lessons/blue-planet-live-lesson/zn7tkmn
The video runs for forty minutes and there are work sheets to complete alongside the video. You don’t need a printer to take part. Just jot down your notes or any diagrams in your work book and do the best you can.

**Write a fact file.**
Visit the website and watch clips of the various animals that are endangered due to human activity on the oceans.
https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/science-ks2-blue-planet-live/zd9y7nb
Now, research your own sea creatures and the problems it faces. Prepare a fact file about your sea creature.
Introduce your animal.
Describe its habitat and lifestyle
Investigate how it is endangered and how we can help.
There are two examples on the online learning page.

**Prepare an information leaflet**
Research how the world is tackling the issue of plastic pollution.
Ideas are
- single use plastics
- micro beads
- sea bins
- plastic bag ban
Then design an information leaflet to educate and promote the ideas to the wider world.

**Spelling**
Take note of any words that you don’t know or understand and find the meaning. Then compose a list of ten spellings and ask someone to test you on them at the end of the week.

**Write a Clerihew**
A clerihew is a short biographical poem consisting of two rhyming couplets, AABB. Invented by Sir Edmund Clerihew Bentley they are meant to be fun and whimsical. The first line is the subject of the poem and is the name of a famous person. It then goes on to talk about their endeavours in a silly manner.

Sir Francis Drake said ‘make no mistake, I’ll capture their jewels once I’ve finished playing boules.’
In this example a famous sailor has been used but you can use anyone famous so long as they are associated with the sea in some way.

**Write a fairy tale.**
Take inspiration from Hans Christian Anderson and write a fairy tale about a mythical sea creature such as a mermaid, the Kraken, a Hydra, kelpies, Sirens or sea dragons. Make it exciting and magical.

**Blue Planet Learning Week:**
To add some excitement to the home learning we are going to have a whole week dedicated to the Blue Planet theme. We will spend the week immersed in the subject of our seas and oceans. You do not have to complete every activity; if one takes longer than you anticipated then complete it to the best of your ability. If you find something you are interested and want to do an independent project then please go ahead. Make sure to add pictures, either drawn or printed to make your work interesting. Please e-mail your work to your class teacher so we can compile as many examples as possible.