



Year 2- Vocabulary

Autumn 1: World of Water	
Vocabulary	Definition
seas	A body of salt water, not as large as an ocean.
oceans	A huge body of salt water.
currents	A continuous movement of ocean water from one place to another.
plastic pollution	Plastic and rubbish leaving the land and end up in the ocean and harming animals and their environment.
Gulf Stream	A strong ocean current that brings warm water across the Atlantic Ocean.
coral reef	A structure on the bottom of the sea that is made up of skeletons of tiny sea animals.
globe	A sphere shaped model of the Earth which is used like a map.
Science: Autumn 1 – Living things and their habitats	
Vocabulary	Definition
habitat	A place where an animal or plant lives and provides their basic needs.
microhabitat	A very small habitat.
food Chain	A food chain shows how each animal gets its food.
environment	The surroundings or conditions in which a person, animal or plant lives.
depend	Living things in a habitat need each other to survive.
compare	Find similarities and differences
Autumn 2: Epic Explorers	
Vocabulary	Definition
maiden voyage	A ship/boats first journey.
circumnavigate	To go completely around the world by water.
slavery	A condition in which one human being was owned by another.
scurvy	A lack of vitamin C which many sailors had due to poor diet.
cartographer	A person who makes maps.
explorer	a person who explores an area that is not known
chronologically	In date order
New World	Continents of North and South America
galleon	Big sailing ship.
Science: Autumn 2 Animals, including humans	
Vocabulary	Definition
oxygen	The main gas that makes up air.
water	A clear liquid that living things need to survive.
Balanced diet	A balance of the 5 main food groups.
hygiene	Keeping your body clean to stop the spread of germs.
exercise	Playing and being physically active to stay healthy.
Spring 1: An Island Home	
Vocabulary	Definition
island	A piece of land surrounded by water.
United Kingdom	Country made of up four countries: England, N Ireland, Scotland and Wales
mountain	A piece of land that is higher than the land around it, bigger than a hill with steep sides.
volcano	A land form where molten rock erupts through the surface.
erosion	When the weather or sea breaks down a piece of land.
bay	A body of water that is surrounded by land.
headland	A narrow piece of land that projects from a coastline.
country	A division of a continent
city	A large human settlement
capital city	Most important city in a country with a famous landmark

Science Spring 1: Everyday Materials	
Vocabulary	Definition
transparent	A material that lets light through.
opaque	A material that does not let light pass through.
squash	Change a materials shape by pushing it together.
bend	Change a materials shape by bringing the ends of an object together.
twist	Change a materials shape by turning your hands in opposite direction.
stretch	Change a materials shape by pulling it apart.
Spring 2: Disaster at Sea	
Vocabulary	Definition
class system	Groups of people split based on how much money they have. First, second and third class.
wreckage	Remains of a ship found on land or at the bottom of the sea.
sank	fall to the bottom of the sea
oceanographer	A study of the ocean
passenger ship	A ship that carries people on the sea.
society	a group of people that live close to each other
historical event	Something important that has happened in the past.
reliable	Something that is proven to be true
Titanic	A big British cruise liner ship that sank in the Atlantic in 1915
Spring 2 Science: Scientific Enquiry	
observe	To look closely at something
identify	To find out and name who or what something is
resources	Equipment
Summer 1: Does it snow in Africa?	
Vocabulary	Definition
compass	A tool for finding direction.
compass points	Directions on a compass, north, south, east and west.
climate	The weather of a place, over a long time.
cathedral	Is a large Christian church found in cities
city	Larger than a town.
capital city	The city where the government of the country is.
Summer 1: Science – Animals, including Humans	
Vocabulary	Definition
pupa	A life stage in the development of an insect.
chrysalis	The transformation of a caterpillar to a butterfly takes place in the chrysalis.
offspring	An animal's baby.
winter	From December to February
summer	From June to August
spring	From March to May
autumn	From September to November
Summer 2: Amazing Armada	
Vocabulary	Definition
conflict	A serious disagreement or argument.
attack	An act meant to hurt or destroy.
invasion	To enter another country as an enemy.
admiral	One of the highest ranks in the Navy.
empire	A group of places ruled by that same ruler
wealthy	rich
destruction	Ruined or destroyed
defeat	To win a victory in a battle
Spanish Armada	The fleet of warships owned by King Philip II of Spain and defeated by Britain under Queen Elizabeth I's reign
hero	A person who is admired for being brave

villain	An evil person
rural	In the countryside
Summer 2 Science-plants	
Vocabulary	Definition
germination	This is when a seed begins to grow its shoots.
survival	Plants need water, food, sunlight and soil to grow.
seedling	A young plant that has grown from a seed.
temperature	How warm or cold somewhere or something is.