



# YEAR 5 PINE

## water water water water

Water and the sea have been recurrent themes throughout our work this term. We thought we had the subject under our belt, following our work on the water cycle last year! We have since tackled rivers: why, where and how they are made to work. We have looked at the atmosphere, water as a gas! And central to life!

**Facts about water have been thrust upon us! Did you know?**

- That 70.8% of the earth's surface is water.
  - That a human body is made up of 40 litres of water!
  - That all major religions use water as a symbol of cleansing and new life.
  - That as water is so critical in the sustaining of life it is a priority that we seek to protect it and see its protection as a vital environmental issue.
- Go eco committee.

Just to make sure we really focused on water, we extended our exploration the theme during the reading of "Kensuke's Kingdom" (a modern version of the Robinson Crusoe story and just like "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner" Water, water, was everywhere!) During the story there was time to look at a reproduction of the great painting "The Great Wave" by Hokusai.

We went on to make some wonderful three dimensional tropical fish to swim across the oceans of our wall board. Also in English we read and then wrote some poetry. In particular we looked at Moira Andrews "Sea Seasons" and "The Sea is an Angry Dog" by James Reeves. These thoughts on the on the moods of the sea, got us thinking and writing our own poems.

We hope you like some of our work.

Here we are with poems and flying fish, having fun!!