

## China Class - Summer Update 2016-2017

### Second Half-Term

Another very exciting half-term, linked to our 'Below the Waves' topic. We were very lucky to go on a trip to the Royal Navy Submarine Museum in Gosport. We found out about what it was like to live in a submarine for 10 weeks at a time, without washing! We also learnt more about the science and history of submarines.



We started our literacy, by being inspired by Michael Morpurgo's 'Why the Whales Came', to imagine we were lost at sea and had to send a 'message in a bottle', in order to be rescued. We then focussed on writing exciting story-openers for adventure stories, journeying to the bottom of the sea. Finally, we found out more about the lives of the people who travelled on the ill-fated Titanic, and wrote a journal entry from either a first class or third class passenger perspective.



Maths Week focussed on 'Sensational Structures'. The children had to 'buy' materials to design and make the tallest free-standing structure. The children had some great ideas and the tallest structure, in our class, was 152cm tall!



Art Week was fantastic, the children worked incredibly hard. We found out about the problems the environment is encountering due to climate change and how this directly impacts on the world's coral reefs - causing coral bleaching. We used this as our subject for our class art work. Using a range of media, we created coral and fish in both bright colours and black and white, to depict the fading of the coral reefs due to bleaching. The children also chose how to present their findings on climate change.





