Year 6 Animal Kingdom: Sharks

Literacy

Our children will take on the roles of news reporters for a local newspaper for our two week project. They will be developing their non-fiction writing skills with a key focus on using brackets, direct speech and adverbials of time and place to add extra detail to their writing.

Maths

The children will be comparing the bite radius of their own mouths with that of a shark and how their own speed compares to that of a great white! We will also calculate how big a tank would be needed if we were to keep one as a pet in school and how many pupils make up the length of a shark!

Reading

The children will read a variety of non-fiction texts about sharks and have the opportunity to study a short story called I survived the shark attacks of 1916!

Science

Our children will be exploring the anatomy of sharks and how their bodies help them to survive as well as differences between different species of sharks. The children will take part in experiments to see how sharks smell a drop of blood in water and how their livers help them float.

Topic

The children will be learning about the different oceans and areas of the world sharks are typically found in, their diets and their life cycles.