Mablethorpe Primary Academy

Upper Key Stage 2 Newsletter Term 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of Term 1, we will be taking time to reflect on some of the wonderful learning that has taken place and celebrate the many achievements of our pupils. We are incredibly proud of everything the children have accomplished this term.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during the disruptions caused by the building work. Further work will be taking place over the holidays, and we will continue to keep you updated with any changes as they arise.

I would also like to extend a huge thank you to all the staff, children and parents who helped make our Monster Disco such a fantastic success. Together, we raised an amazing £760. This money will be used to help reduce the cost of transport for future school trips, ensuring that more opportunities remain accessible for all our pupils.
Thank you for your continued support. We wish all of our families a restful and enjoyable break.

Ms Hodgson

Some dates for your diaries for Term 2

November	
Monday 9th	Children back to school
Wednesday 11th	Claxby Grange: Pelicans class
Thursday 12th	Claxby Grange: Seals
Friday 13th	Claxby Grange: Puffins Parenting workshops; managing anxieties and worries
Monday 16th	Anti-bullying week Seals, Pelicans and puffins to the library
Tuesday 17th	Key stage 1 children to the library
Thursday 19th	Anti-bullying workshops with years 5 and 6
Friday 20th	Children in Need. Dress up day
Monday 23rd	Harry Potter World with year 6
Tuesday 24th	Nottingham University: Seals
Monday 30th	Nottingham University: Puffins KS 1 Parent join in for RE

December	
Tuesday 1st	Lower Key Stage 2 parent join in
Wednesday 2nd	Upper Key Stage 2 parent join in
Friday 4th	Dress up day and bring in chocolate donation
Monday 7th	Years 1 and 2 Christmas craft join in Choir singing at Care Home
Tuesday 8th	Years 3 and 4 parents join in making Christingles in am Years 3 and 4 and parents at St Mary's church for Christingle
Wednesday 9th	Christmas craft join in for years 5 and 6 Reception at Rand Farm
Thursday 10th	Christmas Dinner Reception Christmas join in at 1:30
Friday 11th	Christmas Fair Nursery Sing a long
Monday 14th	Years 1 and 2 Christmas performance to parents at 2pm
Tuesday 15th	Years 1 and 2 trip to Embassy Theatre Reception sing a long at 2:30
Wednesday 16th	Years 1 and 2 Christmas performance to parents Nursery join in am
Thursday 17th	Christmas party for Reception. Years 1 and 2 and years 3 and 4
Friday 18th	Years 5 and 6 Christmas Party

January	
Monday 4th	Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 5th	Children back to school

Attendance

Our attendance figure is 92.3% which is lower than our target of 97%.

Thank you for helping to make sure your child is here, every day, ready and on time.
As always, we kindly ask the following:
Medical appointments should be made out of school time whenever possible.

Holidays should not be taken during term time.

Please check the school website for the Term Dates for 2026 -27 and 2027-2028 to help plan for holidays not to be taken in term time.

MABLETHORPE PRIMARY ACADEMY

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ONLINE SAFETY

Staying safe, smart and kind online

THINK BEFORE YOU CLICK

The online world offers huge opportunities for learning, creativity and staying in touch, but it also comes with risks.
This newsletter provides helpful information about some of the most popular apps, with a focus on Snapchat and WhatsApp, and tips to keep children safe online.

SNAPCHAT

Age rating: 13+

Messages disappear... but they're not always gone!

Snapchat allows users to send photos, videos and messages that disappear after being viewed. It also includes features such as Stories and Snap Map.

Possible risks:

- Contact from strangers
- Sharing personal information or images
- Inappropriate content
- Cyberbullying
- Location sharing through Snap Map
- Screenshots can still be taken and shared

Top tips for parents:

- Check and set privacy settings
- Turn on Ghost Mode to hide location
- Talk to your child about who they are talking to
- Remind them not to share personal information or photos with strangers
- Encourage them to tell a trusted adult if something worries them

WHATSAPP

Age rating: 13+

A great way to stay in touch – but it's important to use it safely.

WhatsApp is a messaging app that allows text, voice and video calls, as well as group chats.

Possible risks:

- Being added to large group chats
- Contact from unknown people
- Inappropriate messages or images
- Misinformation and scams
- Cyberbullying

Top tips for parents:

- Check who can contact your child
- Talk about respectful communication
- Encourage them to block and report unwanted contacts
- Remind them never to share personal information
- Keep an eye on group chats

OTHER POPULAR APPS

Here are some other apps and platforms children and young people use. Each has benefits, but it's important to be aware of the risks.

TIKTOK

Age rating: 13+

- Short videos and live streams
- Risk of inappropriate content
- Contact from strangers
- Can be addictive

INSTAGRAM

Age rating: 13+

- Photo and video sharing
- Pressure from likes and followers
- Inappropriate content
- Direct messaging can allow contact from unknown people

ROBLOX

Age rating: 7+

- Online gaming platform
- Chat functions with other players
- In-game purchases
- Risk of contact from strangers

YOUTUBE

Age rating: 13+
(YouTube Kids for younger children)

- Huge range of content
- Some videos may be unsuitable for younger viewers
- Comments can be unkind
- Risk of misleading information

TALK OPENLY

The best online safety tool is a conversation. Talk regularly with your child and encourage them to come to you if something makes them feel uncomfortable.

KEEP SAFE ONLINE

Use privacy settings • Be kind and respectful • Think before you share
Keep personal information private • Block and report anything that feels wrong
Remember – it's OK to ask for help!

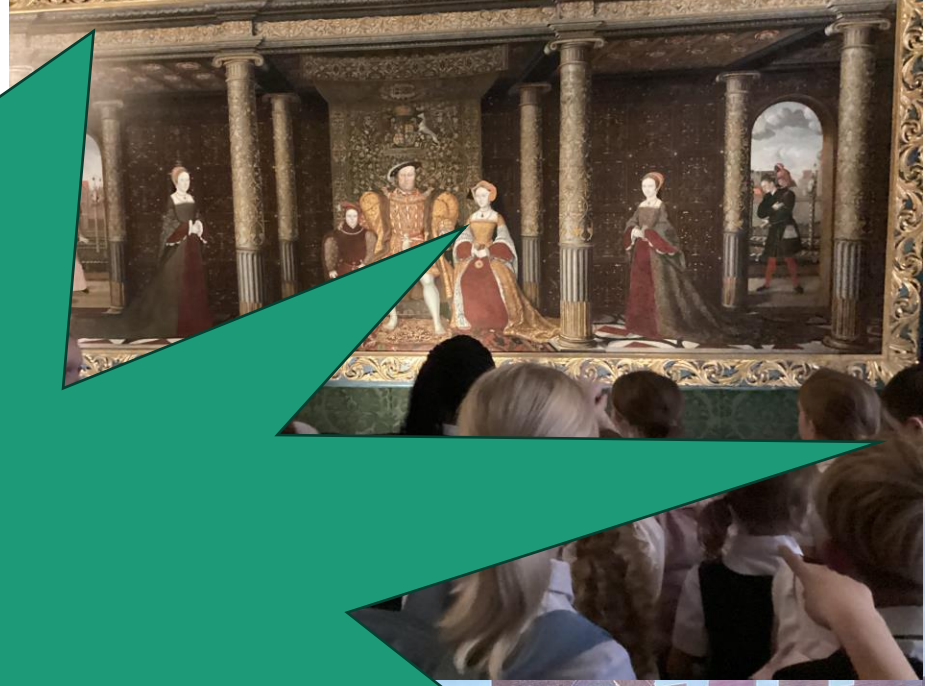
WHERE TO GET HELP

If you have any concerns about your child's online safety, please contact the school. You can also find support from:
Childline – www.childline.org.uk • **NSPCC** – www.nspcc.org.uk
• **CEOP** – www.ceop.police.uk

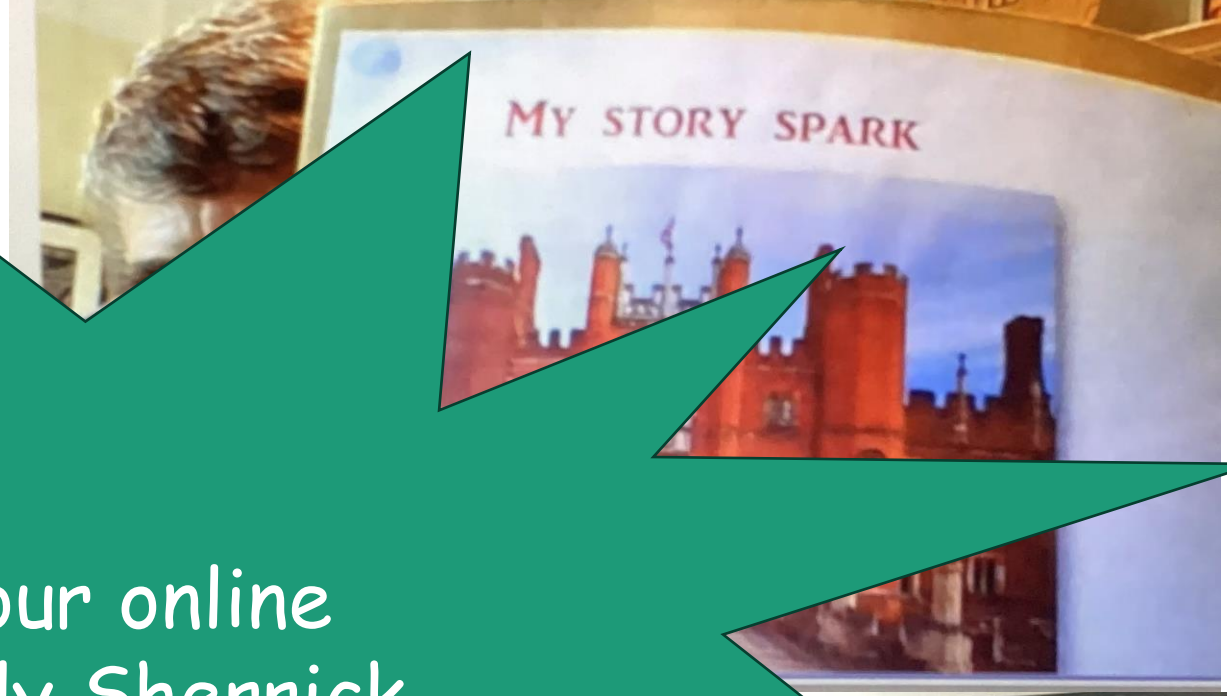
A SAFER ONLINE WORLD STARTS WITH ALL OF US

Be Safe · Be Kind · Be Respectful · Be Internet Safe · Together We Make a Difference ·

Penguins
Class



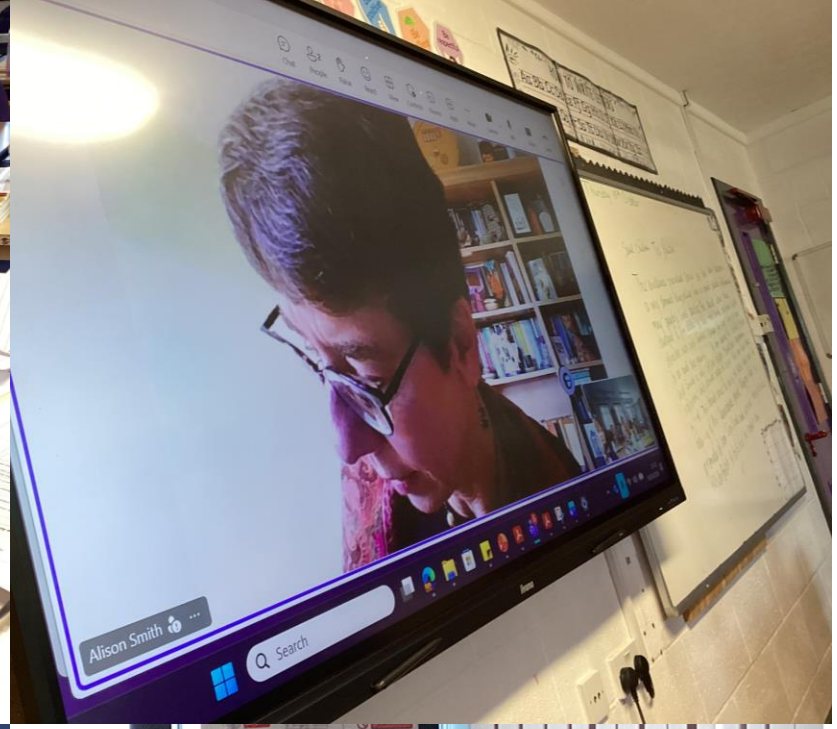
We enjoyed an amazing trip to Hampton Court Palace - the home of Henry VIII!



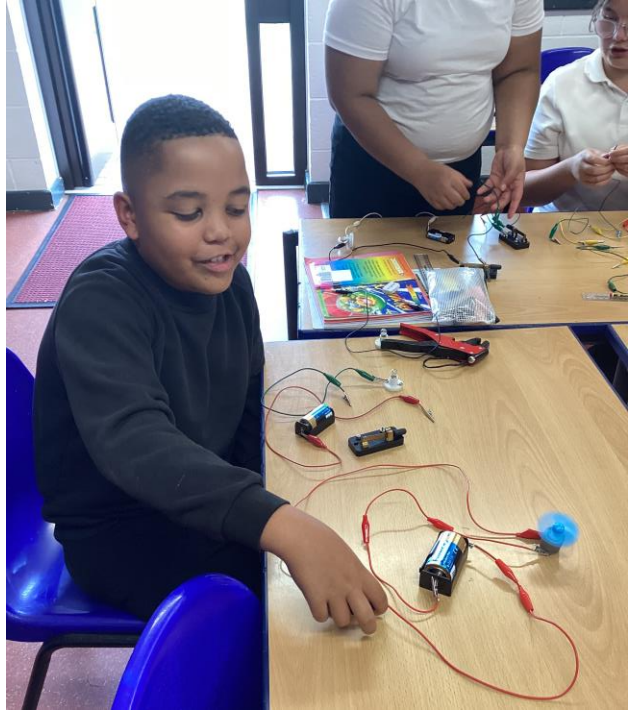
We enjoyed our online meeting with Ally Sherrick, the author of our class book 'The Queen's Fool'.

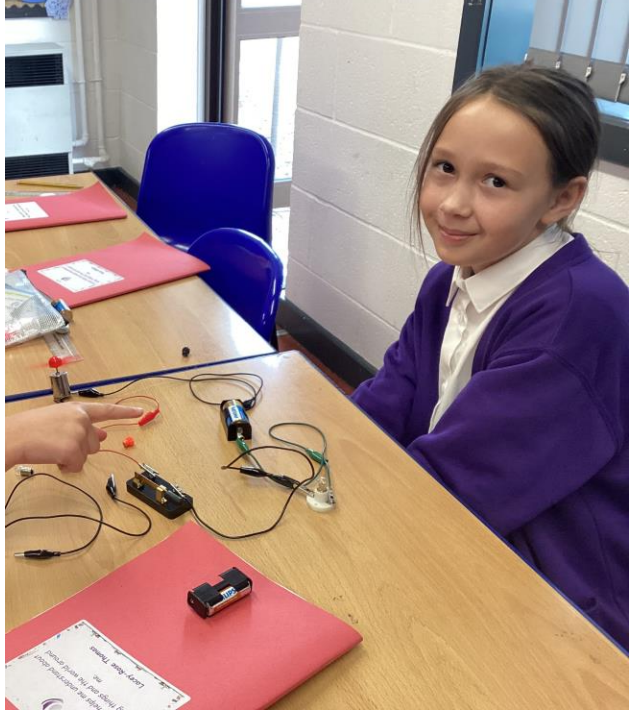
We learned even more about Tudor life from the library staff, who organised some brilliant activities for us!

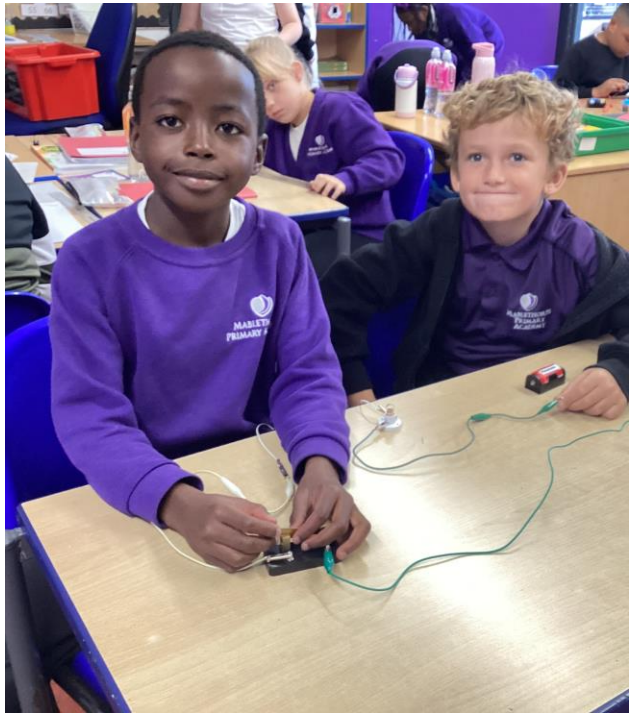
Whales



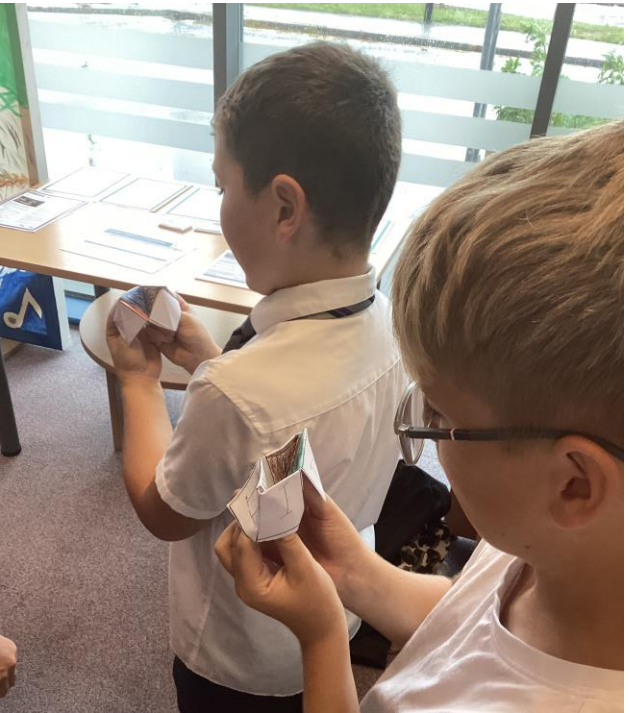
- Friday 16th October
- The children took part in a Zoom call with Ally Sherrick (The author of The Queen's Fool). They enjoyed listening to her talk about her life as an author and what inspired her to become a writer.







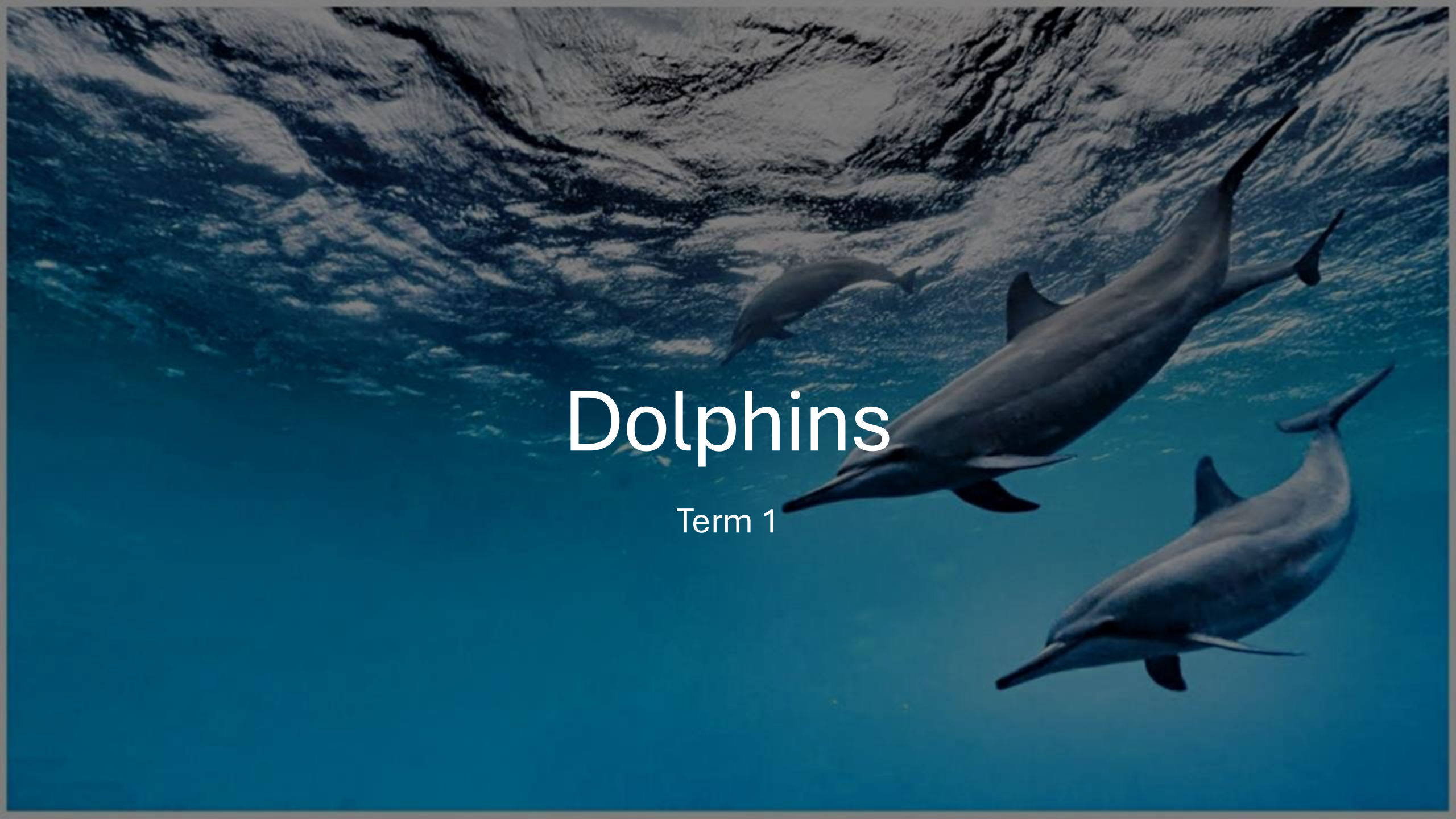
- This term the children have been looking at electricity in science. They have really loved making a variety of circuits and explaining the roll of each component and how they work.



- Friday 9th October.
- We have visited the library this term, it was great! They met a Tudor lady, who told them all about the life of a women in Tudor times. The children also learnt some great facts about Richard III.

- In PHSE the children have participated in a debate, showing their British values.

Hampton court was fantastic. The children were in complete amazement as they looked around.



Dolphins

Term 1

Another super visit to Mablethorpe Library learning more facts about the Tudors through drama, quizzes and artefacts!

What a fabulous time we had at The Lincolnshire Construction Day where the children learned new skills, solved problems and identified possible hazards at work. Our super teams tried scaffolding, bricklaying, building a giant tetrahedron, project managing and insulating pipes. We even had a winner from our class☺ Congratulations to Skylar who was chosen by the organisers for being enthusiastic and hard-working throughout the entire day!

A wonderful visit to Hampton Court helped the children to see first hand, just how spectacular the palace and grounds are and how King Henry VIII used it to impress important guests and ambassadors. Lots of lovely memories from an extra-ordinary day!