

Reading task - 45 minutes

Carefully read this text and then answer the questions on the following page:

RAYMOND MAYWEATHER AND THE BLUE

PLANET

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Raymond flew his ship straight out of the galaxy. Through an asteroid field and beyond a large star field, Raymond found a small blue planet. He lowered his ship to find a place to land, but didn't have much luck. Almost every inch of the planet was covered with water! There was a river of rocks flowing nearby. Raymond couldn't land on the rocks or his ship would be tossed and turned. Instead, he pushed a big red button, and his spaceship turned into a space-submarine (it was by far, his favorite button to push!). Once the submarine was underwater, he turned on the lights so that he wouldn't miss seeing any of the planet's underwater creatures. Hours later, he came upon a sea castle with many doors (when it comes to underwater castles, even windows can be used as doors since you can swim right in). Raymond parked his space-submarine outside the sea castle, put on his underwater suit, and swam inside. Raymond entered a great hall which was beautiful, but empty, except for a large fish sitting on a throne. "Huzzah, Huzzay, who comes my way?" asked the Fish King.

"It is I, Raymond Mayweather, space traveller extraordinaire and friend to all who swim in the sea. Might I ask, where are all the other sea creatures hiding?"

"They're not hiding," answered the Fish King. "I ate them all up, and now I am hungry again. What kind of delicious fish are you?" The Fish King licked his lips and eyed Raymond up for a snack. Raymond smiled and slowly backed up towards the nearest door. "I'm a human," said Raymond, as he turned to swim away. "Quite poisonous for Fish Kings to eat!" he shouted as he left the sea castle. Raymond hopped into his space-submarine and tried to drive away as fast as he could in the opposite direction, but his controls weren't working. Suddenly, he was pulled out of his ship by a whirlpool and spun around in the water. Soon, he and his sub were sucked in completely! The whirlpool took them in and spit them out through a fountain of water on the other side of the planet.

Raymond Mayweather and The Blue Planet Questions:

1. What did Raymond discover as he flew his ship straight out of the galaxy?

2. What was the planet covered with?

3. Why do sea castles have plenty of doors?

4. Use clues from the text or a dictionary to write a definition for these words and phrases:

a) *asteroid*

b) *extraordinaire*

c) *fountain*

5. Find an example of a fronted adverbial in the text

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6. Why did the Fish King think Raymond was in the beginning?

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7. Do you know any other story which has a similar theme, e.g. wise over foolish? ?

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8. Find three adjectives the author has used to describe the sea castle hall :

9. How do you think Raymond felt when:

a) The Fish King eyed him up for a snack?

b) The whirlpool took them in and spit them out through a fountain of water on the other side of the planet?

Maths core knowledge - 30 to 45 minutes

Learning our times tables is one of the most things in Year 3. Your 3's, 4's and 8's, which are the new times tables to learn this year, will all now be included in the grids each time:

Try doing each of them in order:

X	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
2												
5												
10												
3												
4												
8												

Now see if you can do them mixed up:

X	5	9	12	6	1	4	11	10	2	8	7	3
2												
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It is just as important to learn division facts for your times tables. If you know the times table, you can work out the division fact!

e.g. If $2 \times 5 = 10$, then I know that $10 \div 5 = 2$ and $10 \div 2 = 5$

Try a few yourself:

$$21 \div 3 = \quad 14 \div 2 = \quad 48 \div 4 = \quad 35 \div 5 = \quad 120 \div 10 =$$

$$64 \div 8 = \quad 55 \div 5 = \quad 12 \div 3 = \quad 40 \div 5 = \quad 8 \div 4 =$$

If you would like to practise your times tables further, logon to your account on Times Table Rockstars: trockstars.com

If you play on the 'Garage' section, these are the tables which your teacher has chosen for you to focus on.

Spelling - 20 minutes

Find the Year 3 spellings for this week on our class webpage.

Today, you are going to write an acrostic poem using one of your spellings.

An acrostic poem uses each letter of the spelling to begin each line.

For example, if the spelling was 'balloon', your poem might be:

Ball of air

Attached to a string

Light as a feather

Loud when it pops

Orange, green or red

Or maybe blue

Not easy to tie knots!

Choose a spelling to try this for! Feel free to do so for as many of them as you want!

Reading - 30 minutes

Enjoy spending half an hour doing some reading. You could read to yourself or to somebody else, or perhaps a mixture of both!

Try to read a range of different texts through your time at Bishop Road. Some ideas include:

- Stories
- Information texts
- Poems
- Magazines

Art 30-45 minutes

Go on to the Home Learning section of the school website and choose one of the exciting art tasks created by Mr Dyes to have a go at! There are several to choose from and new ones are being uploaded each term, so choose whichever one you fancy to have a go at.