



Spring Term 2025 Year 1 and 2

Connected Curriculum Theme: Rights and Responsibilities

Focus: History

Our Big Question: How can we protect others?

Some Facts (Knowledge & Understanding)

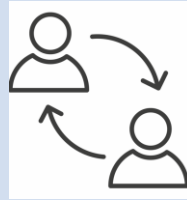
As historians, children will learn:

Who Grace Darling was, when she lived and why she was significant.
 Where Grace Darling lived and the purpose of a lighthouse.
 That the life of Grace Darling contributed to national achievements.
 That the actions of Grace Darling and her father highlighted the importance of the lifeboats, raising critical awareness and funds. (£700 raised at that time was a huge amount of money. £50 from Queen Victoria)
 That the RNLI has a vital role to play in UK sea rescue.
 That we can find out about the past using primary and secondary sources such as paintings, books written at the time, poems, photographs etc.
 Australian lifeguards train in the UK with the RNLI to gain advanced skills and experience diverse sea conditions, enhancing their proficiency.

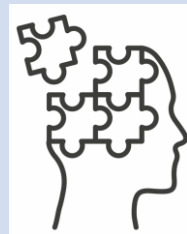
As geographers, children will learn:

The main function of the Australian maritime safety authority. Where Australia is and describe some of the geographical features. The significance of the Great Barrier Reef and why it is vital that it is protected.
 That the Australian version of the RNLI have similar goals in very different environments. Both are islands, both have rescue organisations. Very different needs due to the geography of each island.
 That the UK and Australia have things in common as well as many differences. They will compare and contrast the two locations.

Brave Changemaker Skills



Communication: Participate in discussions about issues that affect self, others and the wider world. State opinions and start to give reasons for these. Listen carefully to others.



Critical and creative thinking: Ask relevant questions. Consider merits of different viewpoints. Use different approaches to solve problems.

History

Grace Darling, daughter of a lighthouse keeper, became a national heroine in 1838 for her courageous rescue of shipwreck survivors near the Farne Islands. Her bravery and selflessness captured the public's imagination, leading to widespread recognition and celebration in books, paintings, and poems. The RNLI was established in 1824 by Sir William Hillary to address frequent shipwrecks, receiving a Royal Charter in 1854 and pioneering lifeboat innovations.

The RNLI relies on volunteers and is funded by donations. It has saved countless lives and remains crucial to UK and Ireland maritime safety. The RNLI continually advances lifeboat design and rescue techniques, maintaining its leadership in maritime safety.

Geography

AMSA's Role ensures maritime safety and protects marine environments in Australia through regulations and rescue operations. Australia features diverse landscapes including deserts, rainforests, and the iconic Great Barrier Reef.

Great Barrier Reef is important because it is the world's largest coral reef system, vital for biodiversity, tourism, and economic benefits. AMSA focuses on environmental protection and remote rescue operations; RNLI on human rescue along the UK's rocky coastline. Australia and the UK, both prioritize maritime safety, but adapt strategies based on their unique geographic and environmental challenges.

Key Vocabulary:

lighthouse	marine	human
lifeboat	protection	physical
bravery	rescue	environment
RNLI	heroine	pollution
Great Barrier Reef	survivors	maritime
safety	wreck	navigation

Subject	Term 3 and 4 Learning	
English	Week 1 – 3 The Storm Whale Write a diary entry from Noi’s point of view	Week 4 – 6 Grace Darling Write a non-chronological report about Grace Darling
Maths	Addition and Subtraction (including Mental Strategies) Multiplication and Division	
Science	Term 3 Animals including humans	Term 4 Plants
R.E. (Religious Education)	Term 3 Judaism – What can we learn from sacred books?	Term 4 Salvation – Why does Easter matter?
Computing	Term 3 & 4 Data Handling (link to science)	
PE (Physical Education)	Term 3 Sports Coaches – Dodgeball Mrs Bennett - Netball	Term 4 Sports Coaches – Invasion Games Mrs Bennett – Dance
History	Study Grace Darling and how her life contributed to national achievements.	
Geography	Understand geographical similarities and differences through studying the human and physical geography of a small area of the UK and of a small area in a non-European country.	
Art and Design / Design and Technology	Term 3 – Art To know the work of Faith Ringgold and Peter Collingwood. Explore texture and colour of textiles. Explore wrapping/poking through/tying/knotting with fabric.	Term 4 – DT Mechanisms
Music	Term 3 Inventing a Musical Story	Term 4 Recognising Different Sounds