Finn’s Coastal Explorer Fact-File

Learning objective: To identify and describe the physical and human features of a coastal environment.

Join Finn the dolphin on an adventure to the seaside! Use this fact-file to record what you see, hear, and learn about the coast. Think about the natural features that the sea has created and the things people have built to enjoy the beach.

Word bank: coastline · erosion · beach · cliff · harbour · lighthouse · tourism · tide · pebbles · sand dunes

1. Coastal Location: Where are you exploring today? Describe the name of the beach or the area and what the weather is like. (2 marks)

2. Physical Features: Describe two natural features you can see, such as cliffs, caves, or different types of rock and sand. (3 marks)

3. Human Features: What have people built here? Think about things like lighthouses, piers, shops, or car parks. (3 marks)

4. Coastal Activity: How do people use the coast for work or play? Mention at least two activities. (2 marks)

5. Conservation: Why is it important to keep our beaches clean and safe for animals like Finn? (4 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are a coastal architect. If you were going to build a new visitor centre on the coast, what would it look like and where would you put it? Write a short plan explaining your choice.