Horatio Nelson and the Battle of Trafalgar

Why is Nelson famous?

1. Horatio Nelson was born on 29th September 1758 in Norfolk

2. Nelson showed an early love for the sea and joined the navy at the age of 12.

3. Nelson was good at his job because he became a captain at the age of 20. He was **one of the youngest-ever captains in the Royal Navy**.

4. Nelson was considered a great sailor BUT **he suffered from seasickness** all his life!

5. Nelson was injured a number of times. During one battle, **he was shot in the right elbow and had to have his arm amputated** without anaesthetic by the light of a lantern!

6. Nelson's greatest-ever victory was at **the Battle of Trafalgar**. He and the navy stopped France from invading Britain.

7. Nelson died at the Battle of Trafalgar. He was hit by a bullet and died hours later on the 21 October 1805.

8. After he was killed, his body was preserved in brandy and sailed back to England.

9. His ship is called HMS Victory and you can still visit it in Portsmouth!