

In Puffin Class we have been learning about fishing in Cornwall and how fishing is one of the most dangerous jobs in the UK! We looked at how life jackets are extremely important when venturing on to the sea. This is an example of a relatively new life jacket and its features have helped to save many lives at sea.

This life jacket and is comfortable and easy to wear when it is not inflated, so it doesn't get in the way whilst a fisherman is trying to work. If a fisherman falls into the water, it automatically inflates. It also has a whistle for gaining attention, a light to be seen in the dark and a personal locator beacon. When the beacon is turned on, it immediately tells the coastguard that a fisherman is in distress and where abouts in the sea they are. A fisherman can then be rescued by a helicopter or lifeboat usually within the hour.

The life jacket will keep a person afloat for over 24 hours.