



Our topic is 'Pirates Ahoy!'

We will step back in time to experience the life of a pirate, sail the seas, explore new lands and follow maps in a search of treasure!

Here are just some of the things we will be learning...

English

- sharing and discussing pirate themed books to include fiction, non-fiction and poetry
- daily phonics for reading and spelling
- adding s and es to nouns and verbs
- using the apostrophe for possession (year 2)
- use of capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks for sentences
- using words such as and, but, or, because to join words and clauses
- writing stories, wanted posters, maps and instructions, messages in bottles, book reviews, pirate rules, descriptions and sea diaries



Mathematics

- count in multiples of 2, 5 and 10 (Year 1)
- multiplication facts from the 2, 5 and 10 times tables (Year 2)
- reading scales marked in 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s
- add and subtract using known facts and a number line (Year 1)
- add and subtract 2-digit numbers (Year 2)
- doubling and halving numbers
- measuring length of ships, capacity of bottles and weight of treasure
- treasure hunt using positional language
- pirate problem solving



Science

- Summer welly walks to identify common trees and plants and notice seasonal change
- observing changes as seeds grow into plants
- exploring/testing materials for different pirate uses
- finding ways to keep a pirate fit and healthy - balanced diet and exploring the effect exercise has on the body

History/Geography

- learning about real historical pirates - Blackbeard, Anne Bonny
- use a world map to locate oceans and countries where pirates have been
- creating treasure maps using symbols and a key
- following simple compass directions



Art and Design/Design Technology

- pirate portraits using different media
- collage of pirate ship, paintings of the sea
- design and make a pirate ship that will float and hold treasure

Music

- learning and singing sea shanties
- choral speaking/performing pirate poetry
- using percussion instruments to accompany pirate stories and to create sounds heard on an island

Computing

- creating and debugging simple programs to make Beebot move around a treasure island
- using 2Simple to create pirate wanted posters

Physical development

- tennis skills
- athletic activities



Special events

- pirate dress up day - date to follow

What can you do at home?

- listen to your child read every day
- visit the library to find topic related texts for you to share
- help your child complete weekly spelling homework
- help your child learn their tables (Year 2)
- when recording, encourage your child to form all letters and numbers correctly, facing the right way
- add and subtract with numbers to 10 (Year 1) and 20 (Year 2) so children begin to remember facts rather than have to work them out every time

