

# Pirates

## Literacy

We will be learning about ...  
Writing recounts and diaries!  
We will retell events using story maps to help us whilst looking closely and identifying the features that need to be included in a particular writing style.  
We will continue with phonics phase 6.  
Drama activities will be based around our topic giving plenty of opportunity for speaking and listening development.

### Ways to help at home

- Practising phonics sounds, tricky words and spellings.
- Listen to your child read daily and ask them questions about the text.

## Re

Our topics for this term are Beginnings, Signs and symbols and Preparing. We will also learn about the lives of St Christopher and St Helen.

## MFL

We will be learning greetings colours and numbers in French.

## Computing

Looking at algorithms and understand that programs are executed by following precise instructions.  
Developing keyboard skills across the curriculum

### Ways to help at home

Discuss and practise e-safety and the importance of it with your children.

## Music

This half term we will be working on our listening skills in music and recognising a variety of instruments. We will also be listening to a variety of songs to help us with our learning

### Ways to help at home

Encourage your children to identify different instruments from a range of music styles.

## PE

Swimming, football, dance and movement  
Ways to help at home  
Encourage your child to be active, riding a bike, running, jumping and playing in the park to increase their spatial awareness and their gross motor skills.

## Mathematics

### We will be:

- Ensuring knowledge of place value.
- Partitioning
- Counting in multiples of 2, 5, 10
- Position and direction in order to create treasure maps

### Ways to help at home

-Revise the 2, 5, 10's times tables.

## Topic

Our topic will incorporate history, geography, art and design, design technology and science.

### We will be:

-In history we will be learning about and investigating the lives of famous pirates from the past; Blackbeard, Grainne O'Malley, Calico Jack, Anne Bonnie, Black Bart. We will also learn about the Great fire of London.

-In geography the children will be learning about the human and physical features of the UK and comparing these to a non-European country.

-In art and design we will be designing and making our own pirate ships and flags whilst also making parrots for display. In addition we will be using a variety of techniques and a range of media to create artistic pictures.

-Our science topic of materials will be integrated within the pirate theme, choosing and testing a variety of materials for best use in rafts and sails, whilst also testing materials for floating and sinking.

## PSHE

- Class rules, school rules, playground rules.
- Friendships with others
- School council elections

### Ways to help at home

Take time to listen to your child tell you about their school day.

## Big maths

### We will be looking at:

Counting: 3 digit multiples of a 100, partitioning 2 digit numbers, understanding numbers to 20, counting in 2's

Learn its:  $7+4=11$ ,  $8+4=12$   
 $9+4=13$

It's nothing new: adding tens, doubling 2digit numbers and halving 10s numbers, fact families.

Calculations: revisiting the four operations