



Pirates

Under the Sea

Foundation Spring Term 1 2020



Arrrgh me hearties welcome back! We hope everyone has had a lovely Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our families in Foundation. Remember now that we are in the spring term we want to see you all enter the ship (classroom) on your own, leave them landlubbers outside!

Topic Overview

Why do some pirates wear an eye patch? How big is a pirate ship? How did they find the treasure? We will be exploring these questions and more in our topic about Pirates. During the next six weeks we will be focusing on a range of books looking at vocabulary, story structure, fiction and non-fiction, oral storytelling, acting out stories with our peers and creating our own stories. On Thursday afternoons we shall start our **Specialist music sessions** which will be linked to our topic and led by Mrs Myers.

Subject Focus

Literacy

Expressive Art and Design

Programmes of Study

Literacy

We will be:

- Sharing different books (fiction and non-fiction)
- Talking about characters, events and settings
- Creating our own stories
- Writing labels, captions and simple sentences
- Acting out stories with peers
- Continuing a rhyming string e.g. cat, mat, hat, ?

Maths

- Using numerals to 10 to solve different problems
- Using non-standard measures to measure distance, height and length
- Finding different ways to make 10
- Writing numerals to 10
- Adding and finding 1 more
- Subtracting and finding 1 less

Personal, Social and Emotional

- Understanding how our actions affect others
- Talking about our abilities
- Learning how to resolve conflicts
- Talking about how we and others show our feelings





Communication and Language

- Extending our vocabulary and exploring new words
- Using language to imagine and recreate roles in play
- Following instructions
- Asking questions
- Listening to a range of books

Physical

- Experimenting with ways of moving
- Jumping off objects and landing appropriately
- Talking about how to keep healthy and safe
- Observing and talking about the effects of activity on their bodies
- Travelling around, under, over and through different equipment

Understanding the World	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Finding information using a computer ● Experimenting with different materials to find the best material for a flag ● Looking closely at changes over time (Winter) ● Looking at different environments
Expressive Art and Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Using simple tools and techniques competently ● Exploring the sounds of different instruments ● Exploring how to mix different colours ● Experimenting with different textures

Curriculum Enrichment 	Home Learning 
Pirate day- Thursday 23rd January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Smiley readers- Your child will receive a book with 5 or 6 words in to read alongside their reading book. Every time they read the word without any help they get to colour in the smiley face. When your child is able to read the words confidently in isolation and in their reading book they will receive a new set of words. ● Your child should be reading/sharing a story at least 4 times a week at home. Please can you record all reading in their reading record book.
Reminders 	What you can do at home?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● PE kits need to be in school every Monday and will be sent home on a Friday. ● Please encourage your child to put their reading book in the basket everyday so that we can check the reading record and change their book if necessary. ● We will be visiting the school library every Monday afternoon this term. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Write a wow star about something your child has achieved to be celebrated and displayed in class. ● Design and make a pirate treasure map. ● See if you can design and make a boat that floats. ● Play games with a die. ● Read/share a range of books.
Diary Dates 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reading workshop Monday 20th January. Come into school from 3.30pm and get some tips on helping your child make progress and ask any questions you have. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pirate Day- Thursday 23rd January. Children to come to school dressed as a pirate for the day. ● Last day of half term Friday 14th February ● Parents Evenings – Tuesday 24th, Wednesday 25th & Thursday 26th March.