



Topic Name:

Pirates Ahoy!

Year Group: 1



Key Areas of Learning

As Design Technologists, we will design and evaluate accessories for our class pirate ship. These include an anchor, a plank, a telescope and a steering wheel. We will continue to design and create pirate themed items throughout this topic.

As Artists, we will use salt dough to make treasure for our treasure chest. This will develop our moulding, printing and painting skills. We will continue to explore a range of media while making more pirate themed items for our classroom.

LITERACY

In Literacy, we will be focusing on writing simple sentences and punctuating them correctly. Children will learn when to use capital letters, full stops, exclamation marks and question marks.

Children will continue to develop their reading skills in daily 'Read Write Inc' sessions.

I will be introducing 'fun pencil licences' as an incentive to encourage the children to work hard on their handwriting in all of their lessons. Children will be rewarded with a 'fun' pencil when they have earned their licence. Handwriting lessons will take place daily.

MATHS

In Maths, we will be focusing on number and place value. This includes:

- Counting and representing numbers with objects/pictures
- Reading and writing numbers in words and numerals
- Comparing groups and numbers
- Ordering groups and numbers

I will be introducing a 'counting to 100' challenge to the children soon, so it might be nice if you start practicing this skill at home.

School Value

Know Yourself

Children will engage in a range of 'All about me; activities.

PSHE

In our circle times, we will discuss self-confidence, identity, individual liberty and resilience.

PE

Dance: We will explore movements we make with our bodies. We will be focusing on awareness of our bodies.

Science

In Science, the children will be exploring everyday materials and carrying out experiments to test their properties. For example, whether materials sink/float. Are they waterproof, stiff or flexible? Perhaps you could start to test some of these ideas around the house.

Geography

In Geography, we will be learning to locate and name the world's seven continents and five oceans through our **Pirate** topic.

Topic

PIRATES

The children will explore the national curriculum through lessons that are based on what we know about pirates.

EXPERIENCES

We will be throwing a pirate party at the end of this topic to celebrate all of the children's hard work. More news on this will be sent to you soon!

SCHOOL VALUE

Know Yourself

SMSC

Self-Confidence, Self-Identity

Individual Liberty

Resilience

COMMUNITY

Year 1 and 2 Big Read

On Thursday 18th October parents are invited to come into their child's classroom to have a hot chocolate and read some stories. It will begin at 3.15 and last until 4.00.