



Learning Preview Year 2

Spring Term 2

Pirates Ahoy!



Our Themed Learning: We are very excited to introduce a new theme...Pirates Ahoy! After gathering lots of information about what the children know already and what they would like to find out we have created a series of exciting lessons. We will be learning about famous pirates (men and women), life on board a pirate ship and carrying out comparison studies between a Caribbean island and our country. We will enjoy lots of fiction and non-fiction texts. We will be having a Pirate Day (in costume if you can!) the week beginning 20th March - specific date TBC.

Learning in the Core Subjects

- In English we will be learning to create riddles, focusing on the use of subordinating conjunctions (if, when, so), and adverbs (slowly, roughly). We will then be revisiting and building upon our understanding of non-fiction when we write explanation texts.
- In Maths we will be learning about multiplication and division and using inverse to find missing numbers. We will also be finding fractions of a shape (half, quarter, thirds and the equivalents), following on from this we will be finding fractions of numbers. We will be applying both these skills through problem solving and reasoning activities.
- In Science we will be carrying out lots of experiments, focusing on explaining, recording data and predicting.
- In Computing we will be using programmes on Purple Mash to create tallies and charts. On the iPads we will be using Popplet Lite (a free app) to create branching data bases.

Have you read or tried?

- Poetry books - with a particular focus on riddles
- Maths Blaster (App for tablets)
- Popplet Lite (App for tablets)



Vocabulary



- Adverbs - describe a verb, **carefully** skipped.
- Data - information
- Predicting - making a sensible guess
- Pirate - a rogue wonderer of the sea who attacks and robs ships at sea
- Caribbean- a region consisting of islands and tropical seas

Key questions...



- Are pirates goodies or baddies?
- What was life like on a pirate ship?
- Where did pirates travel and why?
- Who was Blackbeard?
- How is my home different to a Caribbean island?

If you would like more information on our learning this half term please see our 'Curriculum Maps' on our website under the link 'Our School.'