



## Learning Preview Year 2

Spring Term 2

Pirates Ahoy!



Our Themed Learning: Our theme this term is 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 a comparison study between a Caribbean island and our country. We will enjoy lots of fiction and non-fiction information texts.

### Learning in the Core Subjects

- In English we will be building upon our understanding of non-fiction when we write explanation texts. We will be learning to create riddles, focusing on the use of subordinating conjunctions (if, when, so), and adverbs (slowly, roughly). We will also be taking part in some story writing about the ocean following on from a visit from a storyteller.
- In Maths we will 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. We will also be learning about money and finding different combinations of coins that equal the same amount. We will be practicing telling the time using intervals of up to 5 minutes.
- 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 charts. On the iPads we will be using Popplet Lite 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.
- 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.'