

English

In our fiction units this half term, we will think about a variety of pirate stories and will be thinking about how to alter these by changing the ending, character or setting as well as writing our own story. We will also be working on spelling, punctuation and grammar. We will look at some pirate poetry, looking at rhyme and repetition before writing our own poem.

We will finish the half term looking at some non-fiction writing and the features of this genre.

Spring 1

January and
February 2025

Please remember to hear your child read as often as possible, at least **four times a week**, and to **record this in their reading diary**.

Please keep practising the phonics cards and tricky words that are in your child's phonics folders. We can see a huge difference to their skills from practice little and often.
Thanks.

Maths

Children in Reception will be continuing their counting and ordering skills and also working to better understand the number system through calculations, specifically addition and subtraction. They will also work on length, 2D shapes, patterns and symmetry.

Year 1 children will be working on their understanding of numbers through number sequences, calculations and continuing to recall key facts such as doubles. They will also work on weighing, gathering data and time.

Class 1

Mrs Pratley and Ms
Munro

Mrs Pearce and Mrs Ellis

PHSE: What can we do with money?

PE

On Wednesdays, the class will complete different activities to improve their game skills with our sports coaches Jess and Liam. On Fridays, the children will be having dance lessons. They will be creating movements and sequences about water and pirates.

Science

In science lessons we will be looking at materials. We will learn about what different materials objects are made from and we will describe these. We will look specifically at the terms: hardwearing (to make pirate Bernie some trousers), floating and sinking, waterproof (for poor wet pirate Bernie) and magnetic. We will be completing lots of experiments and looking at our results to see what they mean.



**PE is on a
Wednesday and
also on a Friday.
Please keep PE kit
in school all week.**

Curriculum

Our topic is all about 'Pirates'. We will start off looking at where we are in the world. We will look at the countries that make up the United Kingdom, the major cities and the seas that surround the British Isles. We will use maps and atlases to better understand and recognise parts of our country and the world. We will look at pirates from the past and their modern-day counterparts. We will find out about the lives of the more notorious pirates from history.

Music

We will be looking at different musical vocabulary. We will use the theme: Under the sea.

RE

In R.E. we will be finding out what makes some places sacred. We will explore the features of our church and why they are important in worship. We will compare these to other places of worship and explore signs, symbols, artefacts and actions.

Computing/ ICT

The children will be using the Beebots (programmable toys), iPad apps and screen turtles to look at directions and will be making instructions to send their toy to find the treasure. Year 1 will also continue their learning with 'Purple Mash'.

We will be using the iPads to find out information and to play games to further our learning.

Art/Design

Children will be completing a Design technology project to design and make a boat that is waterproof and will float. We will continue to offer free play craft resources in class with a variety of topic linked activities to choose each week.