

Land Ahoy

Year 2

PE days -Wednesday and Thursday

Unlocking the learning

Unlocking the learning at home – Enjoy the fun! How many new things can you find out about pirates that you did not know?

Get reading –Reading is such an important skill as it supports writing skills and understanding of words. It is an important life skill that enables you child to access all areas of the curriculum also. Please read regularly with your child at home to support them in their learning.

'The more you read, the more you grow, the more you learn, the more you know.'

Get exploring – What can you find out about Pirates? Were there any female pirates? Who was the most feared pirate? Use the local library to learn more.

Get creating – complete one of the home learning heroes to help enrich your understanding of the topic. We have had some amazing home learning projects coming in and it is great to see children sharing their learning at home.

Please ensure:

Your child has their PE kit in school – it is very important for children to take part in PE for 2 hours every week. If they do not have their PE kit then your child will receive a letter home asking you to provide them with suitable clothing.

Maths. We will be covering...

We shall continue to reinforce our knowledge and quick recall of bonds to 100 and the x2, x5 and x10 tables. We hope that the support sheets sent home at parents evening will help with this.

We will be looking at finding halves, thirds and quarters of quantities and shapes.

Comparing, sequencing and ordering numbers using our knowledge of place value.

Naming and identifying properties of 2D and 3D shapes.

Working with measures and solving problems will also be a focus including the vocabulary reacted to it.

We will continue to work on strategies for solving addition, subtraction, multiplication and division sums. We will work on more formal methods as well as mental calculations.

With all skills taught there will be a using and applying element to it and children will be completing problems in all areas of maths.

Key vocabulary this term:

compass	treasure
plunder	sea shanty

Topic. We will be covering...

In Year 2 the children will be focusing on the topic 'Land Ahoy.' Science will look at different images of boats and identifying what materials they are made from. We will also explore properties of materials and investigate which materials float or sink. We will explore whether the shape of a material matters in terms of if it will float or sink. History will involve using stories about famous pirates and explorers and looking at different aspects of their life. Children will access arrange of materials to find out information about the pirate code and make fact files about 'A pirate's life.'

Geography is all about different countries and where they are located on a map. We shall also explore what different symbols mean on a map. Art and Design will be designing flags using a range of shapes, colours and patterns.

Computing will continue to involve important learning about keeping safe on line. This will also include learning about algorithms and programming BeeBots to move around when given clear instructions. Music involves learning shanty songs sung by pirates and develop performance skills. We shall be performing our shanties using djembe drums and percussion instruments.

RE continues to look at how we celebrate special days and events.

PE will continue to develop skills further through gymnastics and games. PSHE is an important part of our curriculum we shall encourage and support children doing their best in all areas of school life and enabling them to feel positive and successful about themselves.

English. We will be covering...

English is full of exciting opportunities this term. We will be exploring descriptions about pirates and writing pirate poems. There will be a continued focus upon what a complete sentence looks like and how we can improve them by adding adjectives, conjunctions and expanded nouns. We shall be using some quality texts to support our writing such as, The Pirates next door by Jonny Duddle, The Pirate Cruncher by Jonny Duddle and Pirate Post and The TopTen Worst Nasty Pirates by Fiona MacDonald and David Antram. As part of our English learning we shall focus on the correct use of full-stops, apostrophes and question marks. Spelling is going to be a high priority this term where children will be encouraged to use their knowledge of phonics to apply to their written work. It will be useful to practise spellings at home with your child.

There will be a Year Two SATs meeting for parents soon, dates to follow.

**Creative homework Projects for our
Home Learning Heroes!**

The children in Year 2 will be taking part in 'Creative Homework Projects' that we would like them to complete over the coming weeks. They will be able to demonstrate their creative talents and share their findings with the whole class.

Your child should choose at least one task. We hope you see this as an opportunity to support your child in their learning as well as having fun!

All work produced will be on display in your child's classroom and will be awarded a certificate.

We look forward to seeing the results and would like the children to bring their completed projects into school from the 1st April so that they can share and celebrate each other's achievements.

May we take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

The Year Two Team

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Land Ahoy! - Creative Homework Projects

Please complete at least ONE of the tasks. Here are some ideas to help you. Please bring to school from 1st April 2019 Good Luck!

Make a book

Make a book about a famous boat or ship. Write some interesting facts, download images or draw pictures. REMEMBER to ask an adult when using the internet.

Visit

Why not visit a maritime museum and write about your experience. Take some pictures to present to the class about your visit.

Library

Visit the library and borrow some non-fiction or fiction books about pirates or explorers. Write a book review about the book you have read.

Get creative

Make a boat. What materials will you use? How will you design it? What will you put in it? Can it float on water?

Treasure

Make a treasure chest filled with treasure. Use recycled materials. What will your treasure be? Who does your treasure belong to?

Make a map

Make a treasure map. Can you stain the paper with a damp tea bag to make it look old? Where is the treasure hidden? Can you write some instructions for someone to find the treasure?

Map skills

Get a holiday brochure. Look up all the countries featured in it. Can you find these countries on a map? What is the weather like there? Would you like to go there? Write about why you would like to go there.

Co-ordinates

Draw a grid and create a trail on a map that requires co-ordinates to find the treasure. Write the co-ordinates for someone to discover the treasure.

Battleships

Look up the instructions for the game battleships. Can you create your own battleships game? Use old cereal boxes and recycle material to create it. 'You sank my pirate ship!' 'Arrrrrrrrr!'