

**Speaking and Listening / Grammar / Reading and Writing**

In speaking and listening we will be discussing pirate life and how it differs to the life we live.

In reading, we will be broadening our knowledge of subject specific vocabulary and developing comprehension skills through questioning. We will be studying journey tales, poetry and reading a range of these to understand the use of language.

In writing we will be using Talk for Writing strategies to study and change a variety of stories before writing our own versions. In non-fiction, we will be studying the language of non-fiction texts and fact files. We will practise handwriting on a daily basis as well as having weekly spellings that consolidate work completed in phonics sessions.

**Geography & History**

As geographers, children will develop their locational knowledge to enable them to answer geographical questions such as "What ocean might you find a pirate sailing in? What continent do we live in?"

We will develop our geographical skills and fieldwork by using a simple compass and directional language to plan a route for a pirate.

As historians, children will be able to look at famous pirates. They will investigate what life was like being a pirate, looking at food they ate and clothes they wore. Children will make comparisons to life now.

**Mathematical Development**

In maths we will begin by focusing on multiplication and division problems. We will need to learn our 2's, 3's, 5's and 10's times tables. We will be taking an investigative and problem solving approach to our maths whilst also spending time to build our fluency and develop our mental maths skills. We will also be starting to look at telling the time to fifteen and five minute intervals as well as making the same amount of money in different ways.

**Petrifying Pirates- Year 2****Opportunities for outside learning**

The children will be using the outside environment to develop geographical skills, through mapping and orienteering activities. They will have opportunities to develop their team building skills through outdoor problem solving activities.

**Home learning**

The children will be encouraged to complete homework on a weekly basis to reinforce learning being carried out in the classroom. All children are encouraged to read for five minutes on most evenings. Every time children read 10 times, they get a prize.

**Art / Design Technology / Music**

In art, children will be sketching pictures of pirate ships, developing skills of painting and colour mixing.

In design and technology, children will be designing and making their own moving picture using a lever system.

In music, we will be learning pirate songs.

**PE and RE**

In PE, children will continue to work on their game and gymnastic skills.

In RE, children will be looking at Christianity and the Christmas Story.

**Science**

The children will look at living things and their habitats. We will start to look at different habitats and why they are more suitable for different animals. We will be looking at identifying and naming different plants and animals. We will use food chains to help us describe different sources of food and how animals obtain their food.

**Astrea Promise**

During our Petrifying Pirates topic, we will be working hard to achieve our Astrea Promise bronze award.

One of the activities we are going to complete is caring and looking after a Year 2 class pet.