



Year 2, Spring Term

Ocean Explorers

For the whole of the Spring term we will be learning about the ocean. For the 1st half of the term, we will be learning about people who explored the seven seas. We will learn all about Pirates and in particular, Cornwall's Pirate heritage. We will also be learning about famous ocean explorers focusing on Christopher Columbus.

Topic Launch: We will be having a Pirate Day. The children will be making pirate hats, learning songs and how to speak like a pirate!

English

WRITING: We will be reading a variety of pirate fiction and non-fiction books. We will be writing our own pirate adventure stories based on 'My Granny is a Pirate'. Also, we will be writing diary entries for the life of a pirate. We will be using conjunctions to extend sentences and use apostrophes for contraction and possession.

READING: We will be reading and sharing stories with a nautical, marine feel, enveloping ourselves within the rich language of the oceans and drawing from these experiences within our writing. We have a shared class story every afternoon which is where we can dive into a longer, chapter story to develop the comprehension skills of the children and encourage the sustained enjoyment of a longer tale.

GRAMMAR/PUNCTUATION: We will be focussing on adjectives, adverbs and expanded noun phrases in our writing while continuing to develop our use of A,A sentences.

SPELLING: We will be following a spelling scheme to ensure we cover spelling patterns that the children are encountering in their phonic development and their independent writing.

HANDWRITING: We will be focussing on correctly forming all of their letters and moving onto independently joining their writing, using joins taught to them in a weekly, stand alone handwriting lesson and daily independent handwriting practise sessions.

VOCABULARY: sword, compass, treasure, Jolly Roger, sail, mast, poop deck, crow's nest. Captain, crew, port, starboard, explorer, north, east, south, west. Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Southern, Mediterranean, pollution, conservation.

Maths

Multiplication and Division: We will be recognising and making equal groups focusing on the 2, 5 and 10 times table.

Statistics: Will be drawing and reading tally charts, pictograms and block diagrams.

We will continue to develop our knowledge of addition and subtraction, using a variety of methods, including a weekly arithmetic session.

VOCABULARY: Addition, subtraction, multiply, divide, share, lots of, groups of, multiples of.

PSHE

This term we will be exploring how to keep ourselves safe, especially focusing on the abuse of drugs and alcohol and other substances.

VOCABULARY: substance misuse, drugs, alcohol, controlled drugs, medicine.

RRS Articles

Article 16: You have the right to privacy

Article 33: You have the right of protection from harmful drugs



Science

We will be working scientifically to test the suitability of materials for a sailor's coat and which materials make the best sails.

VOCABULARY: materials, waterproof, cotton, nylon, oilskin, leather, plastic, waxed cotton, wool

History

We will be doing a local history study of Piracy in Cornwall. We will hopefully embark on a swashbucklin' voyage through Cornwall's pirating past by visiting Pirate Quest in Newquay. We will also learn about significant individuals of the past in particular Christopher Columbus.

VOCABULARY: voyage, ocean, swashbuckling, piracy, smuggling, explorers

PE

In our PE sessions, we will be learning new skills when we encounter golf! Developing our aim, coordination, control and strength. We will also be taking part in inclusive games, involving the continuing development of our multi skills already encountered in the first part of the school year.

VOCABULARY: swing, stance, hit, putt, shot, throw, aim, catch, control, coordination.

Art and Design Technology

We will be creating ocean crafts and pictures using a variety of textures, shapes and patterns.

In Design Technology, we will design and build boats. We will then test that they will float and how much weight they can carry.

VOCABULARY: texture, shape, pattern, shade, blend, mix, float, sink, design.

Music

We will be encountering a wide spectrum of different musical genres during this topic, from traditional Cornish songs of the sea, to the soothing melodies conjured up from ocean experiences.

VOCABULARY: Beat, tempo, rhythm,

Computing/e-safety

We will be learning to use technology safely and respectfully. We will be programming Beebots and characters on Scratch to follow directions.

VOCABULARY: programming, direction, stop, go, left, right.

Local Links

We will be looking into the smuggling and piratical past of Cornwall, hopefully meeting some pirates along the way!

Final Product: We will be filming our own 'green-screen' news reports about the Pirate of Nanpean which will be uploaded onto our class webpage.