

Term	Spring 1 2019
Class Year group	Year 2
Topic	Pirates
Overview of topic	This term topic is Perfect Pirates
Literacy focus	<p>Children will find out what it was like to be a pirate using different sources of information such as the internet and information books. They will then imagine that they are a pirate and write a diary entry in role as a famous pirate from the past.</p> <p>After reading the story book Salty Dogs they will imagine that they are trapped on a pirate ship and send a message in a bottle home.</p> <p>Children will use adjectives and persuasive language to create a pirate wanted poster.</p> <p>Children read sets of instructions to make different objects associated with a pirate theme or Chinese New Year. They will then write their own set of instructions for a toy pirate sword that they have made.</p> <p>Children will research facts about Chinese New Year and write a non-chronological report about it focusing on the key features that make a good report.</p> <p>Some children will use ICT skills to produce own PowerPoint presentation.</p>
Maths focus	<p>Children will add and subtract 2 digit numbers using efficient strategies. They will then solve pirate themed word problems.</p> <p>They will understand multiplication can be shown as an array - a series of shapes in the form of a rectangle of rows and columns.</p> <p>Children will draw and describe 2D shapes and recognise some of their properties. They will also find out about direction using different compass points.</p>
Science focus	<p>Children will continue to find out about the different properties of materials. They will investigate which materials float and sink as well which materials are the most absorbent.</p> <p>Children will investigate which material would be the best to make a toy sword from.</p>
Other learning	<p>Children will have the opportunity to take part in drama activities when Partake Theatre visit the school for some pirate themed fun. We will also have a visit from Guide Dogs from the Blind.</p>
Things to do at home	<p>Listen to your child read as often as you can. Don't forget about the eBook's available at the Bug Club website.</p> <p>Try making a pirate boat from junk materials. Discuss which would be the best materials to use. Can children time how long it takes before the boat sinks?</p> <p>Visit this website to find some interesting facts out ab out Chinese New Year: https://www.topmarks.co.uk/ChineseNewYear/ChineseNewYear.aspx</p>