

English

Our fiction writing focus this term is a **journey story**, using the text '**The Story of Pirate Tom**'. We will be exploring the structure of a story alongside focusing on creating a setting, before then writing our own journey stories based upon the text. We will then move onto a **poetry** unit, exploring features of a poem before creating our own pirate poems! Finally, our non-fiction focus is **recounts**. We will be using the text '**My Map Book**' to support this before then writing our own recounts of our Pirate Day! We will be continuing with our daily Talk Through Stories and phonics lessons.

Geography

Geography is at the heart of our topic this term. To be successful pirates, pupils will be learning about **the four countries that make up the United Kingdom** and identifying these on the map. We will be naming the **main towns and cities** within the UK, and using landmarks to help us identify these. As pirates, pupils will also be describing some of the human and physical **features of an island** before then creating their own map for their own island! Finally, pupils will be learning and using simple **compass directions** and using locational and directional language to help the messy pirate get back his belongings!

Computing

In Computing, pupils will move on to their 'Creating and Following instructions' unit. They will understand the importance of **following instructions** to complete tasks and consider how the order of instructions can affect the result. Online safety lessons will focus on **relationships and communication**.

RE

Our RE focus this half term is '**Galilee to Jerusalem**' and focuses on scriptures from Luke's Gospel. Our unit is split into 4 sections, **HEAR, BELIEVE, LIVE and CELEBRATE**. The children will hear and learn about 6 different scriptures and then have the opportunity to deepen their understanding through practical activities. Our **CELEBRATE** section allows the children to discover how Catholics respond to these scriptures through prayer and liturgy. This half term focuses on Jesus as a person.

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Music

Pirates travel all around the world, and so in music the children will be exploring **six different styles of music**. The unit focuses on the song **In the Groove**; a song specifically written for classroom practice to support pupils in learning different styles of music. In addition, each week the children will be **listening to and appraising** a well-known song in that week's style.

Art

In Art this term, children will be creating their own pirate flags by **tearing and cutting** paper to create a collage. Very importantly, Pirates need treasure, so pupils will be creating treasure chests from egg boxes and salt dough, filling them with more salt dough treasures!

Maths

We will begin by exploring **place value within 20**. Pupils will be **counting**, understanding each number in depth, identifying **one more/ one less** and using a **number line**. They will also be using key skills such as **estimating, comparing and ordering numbers**. We will then move onto **addition and subtraction within 20**, whereby the children will be building upon previous knowledge such as **number bonds**, addition and subtraction **strategies**, and **doubles**.

PE

We will be playing **Matball** and **Golf**, and working on the skills associated with these sports. We will develop these skills through playing lots of games and focused activities!

Science

In Science, children will be investigating **everyday materials**. We will be developing key scientific skills, including **observing, performing simple tests, identifying and classifying**. Pupils will explore materials such as wood, glass, plastic, rock and metal; exploring through their senses, explaining how and why these materials are used to create objects, and investigating properties.