

### 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 'Lego Builders' 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.