



Dear Parent/Guardian,

During this term, Year 1 will be following a unit of work on a theme that focuses on 'pirates.' This unit is called Treasure Island.

This unit of work is part of the International Primary Curriculum. This curriculum sets out very clearly what children will learn – the learning goals – in three different areas:

1. The subjects of the curriculum.
2. Personal development – the characteristics which will help children become more responsible, independent learners.
3. International understanding – which will help children develop both a sense of the independence of their own country and culture and the interdependence between countries and cultures.

Each unit of work is based around specific targets derived from the learning goals for one or more of the subjects.

During this unit we will be focusing on Geography, Art, Technology, Music, PE and International.

In Geography, we'll be finding out:

- About the islands that you find around the world
- About the names of places that pirates travelled
- About the islands that make up the UK and other locations, and the different features you see there
- About the weather and climate in different places that pirates visited
- About how pirates navigated around the world
- How to plan a pirate island
- How to give directions using a map

In Art, we'll be finding out:

- About different coin designs
- How to design, create and evaluate our own pirate coins
- How to design, create and evaluate a treasure chest



In Music, we'll be finding out:

- How to sing pirate songs
- How to compose and play music inspired by pirates and the sea
- How to listen to, and evaluate music we have made

In Technology, we'll be finding out:

- About the foods pirates ate
- About where food comes from in the world
- About a healthy diet
- How to plan a pirate packed lunch

In International, we'll be finding out:

- About rules that pirates followed
- About the roles and responsibilities pirates had on board
- How to stay safe near the water

In Physical Education, we'll be finding out:

- About how to play pirate games in teams
- About how to create a pirate-inspired dance
- How to participate in team games, using skills such as throwing and catching

All of the work we are going to do has been specially written to help your child reach the learning goals. Children will be reading, researching, writing, illustrating, working on their own, in pairs and in groups. We will be checking to see how well your child has learned through particular activities and asking children to explain their work, perhaps to you.

We already know the interest you take in your child's work. If you can, please discuss with your child the work they are doing as the term progresses and let them teach you.

Talk with your child about pirates. What pirate facts do you know? Together, find out about pirates of the past.

If your child has some work to research, please help them, but without actually doing the work for them. If you have the chance to further their interest in the ideas of this theme please take it, but your enthusiasm and interest is most important.

By the end of the unit, we hope your child has achieved all of the learning targets. We hope they have had an enjoyable time in the classroom, and that you will have enjoyed seeing your child work with enthusiasm. If you have any comments or questions about your child's learning, please get in touch.