

Land Ahoy!

This curriculum newsletter provides an overview of what your child is learning in year 2 this half term. This half term our topic is 'Land Ahoy!'. We will begin the topic by having a pirate-themed day.



Science

- Sort and grade materials for boats.
- Explore how shape of some materials can be changed by twisting, bending, squashing and stretching – floating and sinking.
- Planting – bulbs. What do they need to grow? Tropical plants.

PE

- Striking and fielding
- Athletics

English

- Daily phonics sessions
- Character/Setting description, Directions and map work, Diary entries, Play script, Poetry, Advisory pamphlet, Letters, Narrative
- Narratives, drafting, re-read and make simple revisions, sentences of different forms, expanded noun-phrases, tense and conjunctions.

Maths

- Statistics – tallying, bar graphs, pictograms, asking and answering questions.
- Position and direction – $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ turns left and right.

Art & DT

- Use wheels, axels, levers and sliders on toy boats.
- Line and tone to draw, shape pattern and texture – sand art and sketching.
- Use a range of materials to design and make products – pirate flags.
- Use tools safely for cutting and joining – make a lighthouse.
- Build structures and explore how they can be made stronger – rafts.
- Cooking – biscuits

ICT

- Use a floor robot – make programmes.
- Debug algorithms.
- Use technology purposefully – create word documents and PowerPoint presentations.
- Google Earth

Music

- Use own voice in different ways – loud / quiet. Repeated phrases.
- Sea shanties
- Peter Grimes by Benjamin Britten

Humanities

- Name and locate countries and capital cities of UK and surrounding seas.
- Learn the 5 oceans.
- Maps – aerial maps and treasure maps
- Learn about famous sea explorers through time.
- Compass directions.

PSHE

- PATHS – we will be learning about feelings and how they are ok. Learning how to recognise the feelings and what to do about them, giving the children strategies to regulate themselves.
- Friendship and trust

Languages

- Spanish – places in the town. Names of shops, museum, school, library etc.
- Simple directions.
- Comparing French and Spanish