

Year 2 Autumn 1 2023

Welcome back

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English

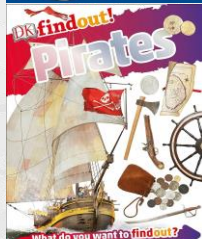
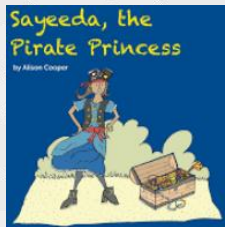
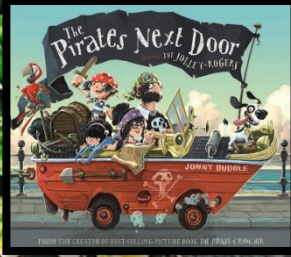
In English, we are exploring how we can use descriptive language to write about characters and settings.

Following this, we will write an exciting adventure story.

We are focusing on our non-negotiables: capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

We will be using the Read, Write Inc. phonics program to teach the children to read fluently, with intonation and to support with comprehension.

We are reading...



Maths

We are learning all about place value and beginning to explore addition and subtraction.

In place value, we are exploring tens and ones, how to use a place value chart and partitioning numbers. Following this, we will use number lines, estimation, and compare numbers.

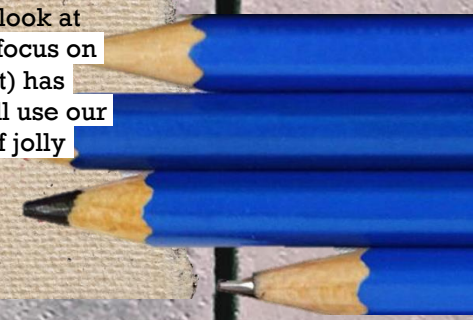
To begin our addition and subtraction unit, we will refresh our memories to use our number bonds to 10, explore fact families and learn different methods to add and subtract numbers.

Science

As scientists we will be using both the indoor environment and using the outdoors to investigate that all objects are either living, dead (were once part of a living thing) or have never been alive. We will be making observations in our locality as we find out about habitats. We will learn that animals and plants live in a habitat to which they are suited. We will find out about the needs of all living things and will recognise that the habitat provides the basic needs of the animals and plants – shelter, food and water. We will learn that within a habitat there are different micro-habitats e.g. in a woodland – bark on trees. Micro-habitats have different conditions which suit the plants and animals which live there. We will explore the fact that plants and animals in a habitat depend on each other for food and shelter. We will investigate food chains and use these to show the way that animals obtain their food from plants and other animals.

Art

As artists we will develop our colour mixing skills, using powder paint to mix the primary and secondary colours aiming to produce bold, rich shades. We will investigate adding white, adding black and using these new colours to create a seascape. We will use our seascapes to think creatively and imaginatively as we consider what we might see through the porthole of a ship. We will take a look at the work of Alexia Bahar Karabeni Yilmaz and particularly focus on 'The Pirate Owls' by 2016. In this work the artist (a surrealist) has used bright, bold colours to paint mischievous owls. We will use our drawing and colour mixing skills to create our own group of jolly parrots.



Geography

In Geography this half term, we are looking at positional and directional language and compass points. We will be using what we have learnt to give instructions to others and also to give directions using a map. We hope to make our own treasure island map with a simple key. We will be linking this to our computing, using beebots and writing algorithms.

Following this, we will be looking at where pirates and explorers have travelled, learning to name and locate the 7 continents and 5 seas.

DT

In DT, we will be looking at different types of boats, considering the parts of a boat and the materials they are made from. We will then be designing our own model boat before making it. Then Year 2 will have lots of fun, making predictions and seeing whether they float or sink.

Music

Our musical focus this half term will be on our voices. We will have fun revisiting previously learned songs as well as learning new ones. We will think about how we need to sit or stand, our breathing, our pronunciation and our timing. We will take part in singing assemblies.

PSHCE

Our aim for the half term is to settle into our new classes, build our new team, establish a happy class, know what it takes to work together. We will focus on stories such as 'The Colour Monster', 'The huge bag of worries' and 'Ravi's Roar'. We will have our PROUD values at the forefront of all we do, specifically thinking about 'Opportunities', setting goals for things we could try, skills we could learn etc. We will share some of these with you at home. In October we will be thinking about Black History Month in a way that is appropriate for us. We will share stories both fiction and non-fiction. In RE we will be thinking about 'Belonging which links with all our PSHE.

History

Through our history sessions, we will be learning about who pirates were and what they did. We will be learning about their role in history and how that has had an impact on trade. Year 2 will be learning about famous pirates and will create a wanted poster.

In October we will be celebrating Black History Month and will learn about inspirational people from different backgrounds.

PE

This term in our PE we will be exploring the fundamentals skills of running, changing speed, changing direction and dodging and developing our balance and coordination.

We will also be learning ball skills with our PE Coach.