



PUFFIN POST

Spring 1 2015



Literacy

Through our topic on Pirates we will be using a variety of stories and songs to widen our choice of vocabulary by writing character profiles, exploring story structure and making predictions. As a stimulus for some of our work we will be using the following websites:
<http://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/en/songs/the-pirates-song>
www.wildwickedwinifred.cam.au/

We will also develop our understanding of non-fiction texts by creating our own glossaries of new vocabulary linked to pirates and organising information to write our own factual accounts.

Science

Using 'The Pirate and the Pig' by Frank Rodgers as a stimulus we will be creating a boat/raft suitable to escape an island. In order to do this we will need to test a variety of materials for suitability e.g. float/waterproof. We will be asking pupils to collect useful things from home e.g. yoghurt pots to enable them to build their raft/boat.



Art/DT

Through our topic 'Shiver Me Timbers' we will use a variety of materials and techniques to create a variety of products including pirate hats, treasure maps, pirate flags.



History

This half term we will be exploring the life of pirates in the past including ships, punishments, jobs, rules. We will be finding out about famous pirates including Blackbeard and Anne Bonny. You can support your child with their learning by using the following website to find out about Blackbeard and other famous pirates.
www.bahamas4kids.com/famous_pirates.html



Mathematics

Number: we will be learning to count in multiples of twos, fives and tens and to recognise odd and even numbers. We will solve problems using + and - and calculate Maths stories using x and ÷. Through our work on fractions we will be learning to recognise, find and name half and quarter of a given quantity.

Data, measure and statistics: we will be learning to tell the time to the hour and half past the hour and draw the hands on a clock face to show these times. We will learn to recognise and use symbols for £ and p and combine different amounts to make a particular value.

Geometry: we will identify and describe the properties of 3D shapes, including the number of edges, vertices and faces. We will develop our use of mathematical vocabulary to describe position, direction and movement.

Pirate Day

At the end of our work on Pirates we will be having a Pirate day in the Puffins class so start thinking of your costume now!

Watch out for details on our weekly newsletter.



Visit our website at: www.amblelinks.northumberland.sch.uk for lots more information!!

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