



## Land Ahoy!

### Year 2's Curriculum Newsletter

Yo-ho-ho and a bottle of rum! Get ready to take to the high seas and set sail in search of treasure!

This half term, we'll spend a day designing, making and evaluating boats. Our science skills will help us to understand how boats float and we'll design and make model ships using a variety of materials. We'll study paintings of boats and draw detailed pictures of our own. Our map reading skills will help us to identify different seas and oceans, and we'll learn about famous sea explorers. Stories of pirates will inspire us to make pirate flags, treasure maps and fact files. We'll even find out how to talk and sing like a pirate!

At the end of the project, we'll create a PowerPoint about what we have learnt, join in with playground games and sing sea shanties.

ILP focus	Geography
English	Write a description paragraph about a pirate Write a problem and resolution story involving a boat
Geography	Using and making maps, using and giving directions
Art & design	Observational drawing, printing
Computing	Researching pirates
D&T	Mechanisms, structures
History	Significant historical people – Captain James Cook, Grace Darling, famous pirates
Mathematics	Multiplication and division
Music	Sea shanties
PE	To perform dance using simple moving patterns
PSHE	Feeling positive
Science	Investigating materials
RE	Diwali and Christmas
Rights Respecting	Global Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development.

#### Help your child prepare for their project

The sea is fascinating! Why not take a trip to the coast? Visit the harbour, lifeboat station and beach and take plenty of interesting photographs. You could also make boats from plastic cartons, cardboard boxes and polystyrene trays. Add sails and cargo then see which boats sail around the bath successfully! Alternatively, sing along to some lively sea shanties performed by The Fisherman's Friends from Port Isaac in Cornwall. Visit their website to access free sample tracks.