

# Courtney Primary Topic Sheet – Oo Arr Me Hearties, What makes a pirate a pirate?

Year 2 Term 5 2017/18 Teacher: Miss Elmore

## English

In English we are working on a fantastic book called “The Pirates Next Door” which we will use as the stimulus for our own pirate stories. We will also be writing our own newspaper reports based on our experiences this term (some very exciting events coming up!) and pirate limericks!

We will continue our work on apostrophes for possession and spelling rules for plurals, in order to secure these skills. There will also be a focus on ways in which we can organise our writing, both in fiction and non-fiction.

In Guided Reading we are focusing on our ability to scan and find answers to questions using a text.

## Maths

In mathematics our work will focus on time, mass, temperature and capacity. Lots to squeeze in so it will be a pacey term!

We will be building on our ability to tell and write the time, as well as finding and comparing time durations. Any help at home with this would be really useful!

There will be lots of practical work going on with measuring mass, temperature and capacity.

Finally, we will be working at greater depth on how to apply our understanding to solve multi-step problems.

## Science

This term our Science topic is ‘Forces’ where we will be learning about pushes, pulls and other movements. Linked to our pirate topic we will be investigating floating and sinking. This will also lead to an investigation sent to us by Archimedes himself – Eureka!

We will be describing the movement of objects such as going faster, slowing down and changing direction.

The children will be taking a hands on approach to investigating different forces by planning and carrying out various experiments.

## Art/DT

In Art the children will use a variety of media to explore the topic of pirates and the sea.

In Design Technology we will be applying our knowledge of life at sea to our very own project! The children will be making their very own ship biscuits, just like voyagers on the SS Great Britain would have eaten. Full disclosure parents – you might not want to try them at home!

## Topic

Avast ye scurvy scallywags, our topic this term is pirates! We will be linking this to a number of different subjects across the curriculum. We will be looking at routes the SS Great Britain took, while using our understanding of maps and compass directions in geography to find the buried treasure! We will also learn all about famous pirates across the world, including Bristol’s very own Blackbeard.

## History

Our history lessons will focus on the life of Isambard Kingdom Brunel and the impact his work has had on Bristol as a city.

We will learn about and put in chronological order the significant events of his life. We will also be visiting the SS Great Britain which is very exciting!

## Computing

This term we will be looking at programming, including the use of algorithms and roamers.

This will link to our topic and geography work.

## RE

Our work in Religious Education will focus on the religion of Judaism.

This will include researching sacred objects and special celebrations in the Jewish community.

## PSHE

In PSHE we will be focusing on how to problem solve in friendships. We will also focus on how to ensure our own safety and what to do if this is compromised.

Our Courtney Crown Value this term is “We are kind to each other, in work and play.” Our learning to learn animal is the bee, which is all about teamwork.

## PE

As a school we now follow the “Real PE” scheme of work which focuses on building up core skills and applying them in various games. We will also be continuing our focus on dance; this time exploring the topic ‘Pirates’. On Thursdays the children will have a PE session with Mr Smith. On Mondays they will have PE with me. If your child has long hair please make sure it is tied up on these days, and that they can take out their earrings. All children should have suitable PE kit kept at school.

Dear Parents,

How are we already in term 5?! I hope the children had a well-earned rest over the holidays and are ready for a busy term ahead. We've got lots of exciting things going on, particularly with our trip to SS Great Britain coming up. There will be a meeting soon with all the details you will need about the children's upcoming SATs.

As mentioned previously, to support your child please encourage them to:

- Keep going with the reading at home – we've had so many successes and it would be great to keep children moving up the reading ladder.
- learn their multiplication tables as part of our Multiplication Masters programme – we have some VERY ambitious children wanting to get themselves up onto the next level!
- take opportunities to try out their maths and English as much as possible – this is particularly useful this term with our focus on time, mass, temperature and capacity. Every little helps!
- do their homework and hand it in on time! Homework will be given every Friday to be completed by the following Wednesday.

Lastly, it would help the children enormously if there are any parents or grandparents who are able to lend a hand in class or listen to readers. If you could spare even 30 minutes at the start or end of the school day, or any other time, then please do get in touch. We currently do not have any in year 2, so any help would be amazing.

Best wishes,

Miss Elmore