

Year 5 will be studying Pirates and Islands as this topic will be fun and engaging and allow many opportunities to read and write a range of texts and text types. We will use a 'mantel of the expert' approach in order to engage children's imagination and give their learning added purpose.

English

This half term we will be becoming pirate experts! We will be using our reading skills to gather information about pirates and then we will present our information in a letter. In addition to this, we will also be reading a range of texts, both fiction and non-fiction in order to help develop our knowledge. We will look at a range of writing, from letters to stories. Our key texts this half term will be: The Pirates Next Door (Jonny Duddle), Pirates and Pistols (Chris Mould) and Pirateology.

Geography

As part of becoming pirate experts, we will be developing our knowledge of the world by learning how to read maps using 4 and 6 figure grid references. We will also be using maps to locate countries and continents around the world. We will also look at the difference between human and physical geography and consider the impact we have on the world we live in.

Music

We will be looking at sea themed songs and develop our skills as performers, singing songs in parts as a group. As well as this, we will create soundscapes that help create the idea of a pirate's journey.

Art

The sea will be our inspiration this half term and we will be creating our own works of art inspired by the Japanese artist, Hokusai and his famous painting, The Great Wave.

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Maths

During this half term we will be consolidating and then developing our knowledge of place value with numbers up to 100,000, as well as beginning to understand decimal numbers up to 3 decimal places. We will also be working on our mental and written strategies to add and subtract increasingly large numbers. Our geometry focus will be on angles. We will look at different types of angles and consider how we can estimate angles, as well as learning how to use a protractor to draw and measure angles. Area and perimeter will also be a focus, as we will be investigating shapes and consider how we can divide larger shapes into smaller, more manageable shapes to calculate area and perimeter.

PE

This half term we will be developing our fitness and stamina in our outdoor sessions through cross country (Thursday). In our indoor sessions (Friday), we will be developing a range of skills needed to participate in athletic events.

RE

Throughout this half term, children will be discussing why some people think God exists.

Thrive

This half term we will be exploring how to acknowledge and understand feelings when we have a contradictory opinion to our peers, we will do this through 'what if' scenario discussions. In addition to this, we will be challenging ourselves by doing things we are familiar with in a number of different ways by working collaboratively, such as writing stories with our peers.

As well as children's half termly home learning, we expect children to be reading daily – this should be recorded in diaries – as well as practising times tables and spellings in preparation for weekly tests. Home Learning Presentation day will be Thursday 25th October 2018.