



Sutton Park Primary RSA Academy Language Class Topic Web - Spring Term 2019 **Pirates!**

'Pirates' has been requested as a topic by our pupils. It will support pupils' understanding and use of a range of vocabulary and concepts when speaking, reading and writing. It also supports pupils' understanding and use of questions to learn more about this topic of interest.

Useful websites: www.phonicsplay.co.uk <http://www.educationcity.com/uk/login> www.makinglearningfun.com/ (Pirates)
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/search.aspx?q=pirates> www.nicksharratt.com (Drawing Tips)

English

Our story for this topic will be 'Pirate Pete' by Nick Sharratt. Firstly, we will talk about what we already know about pirates. Then we will share what we would like to find out about pirates, pose questions and use non-fiction books to find out more information. We will write fact files about pirates; learn pirate poems/songs and create our own treasure maps. There will be a focus on speaking in sentences and using written labels, captions and longer descriptive sentences. We will then focus on 'Pirate Pete' and create our own simple stories which we will retell and write. We will have a Pirates morning for Language Class parents on Wednesday 10th April, further details to follow later in the term.

Stories we will be sharing

- 'Pirate Pete' by Nick Sharratt
- 'You Choose' by Goodhart & Sharratt
- 'The Pirate Cruncher' by Jonny Duddle
- 'The Pirate Next Door' by Jonny Duddle
- 'How Pirates Really Work' by Alan Snow
- '100 facts- Pirates' by Miles Kelly

Phonics

Phonics will continue daily for pupils in both EYFS and KS1 through Read, Write Inc sessions.

Spellings & Reading KS1 Pupils should continue to learn their 'No Excuses' Spellings (p.67 in diaries) at home and use these spellings in their written work at school. All pupils will have a home reading book - please help your child to learn their spellings and practise reading daily.

Maths

We will assess the pupils' current strengths and needs and target gaps in their understanding of mathematical language. We will focus on concepts of number and place value, (including reading, writing, comparing and ordering numbers, calculating 1 more and 1 less), measure (capacity and weight), addition and subtraction (with some pupils focusing on multiplication and division). 2D and 3D shape, identifying coins and using money will also be areas of focus. Mental Maths activities will take place to regularly recap, revise and challenge pupils' mathematical understanding and arithmetic skills. There will be a focus on problem solving and reasoning. Times tables tests will take place weekly for pupils in Year 2 and above.

Communication and Language

Our focus is on the development of the children's speech and language skills. This takes place through regular individual and group sessions and throughout the teaching of the curriculum. We will learn vocabulary and concepts linked to our 'Pirates'. This term there will be a focus on reading (decoding and comprehension of a simple text) and understanding and using questions (e.g. Who? What? Where? When?) Pupils will be encouraged to use a range of strategies to signal when they do not understand and to repair any breakdown in communication. There will also be a continued focus on developing working memory and phonological awareness (understanding, identifying, using sounds and rhyme).

Home Learning

Pupils will have the opportunity to practise their Home Learning Presentations on Tuesday 12th February before mainstream class presentations on Wednesday 13th February. Please sign up with mainstream class teachers to watch.