

Learning Pathway: Year 1 Term 1 2026-2027

Enquiry Question: What does a pirate need to know?

Enquiry Overview: What an exciting first term we have planned for the children in year one! This term, we will be learning how to be pirates, Arrrrrrrr! We will have a pirate dress up day so get your costumes ready! We will be writing sentences about how to be a pirate as well as sailing the seven seas, visiting the 7 continents and 5 oceans.

We will also be exploring our new inside and outside year one spaces, learning to access resources, becoming independent and learn together through play. We will end our first term with a celebration of our learning with parents and carers.



Week number Date	1 07.09.26	2 14.09.26	3 21.09.26	4 28.9.26	5 05.10.26	6 12.10.26	7 19.10.26	8
Whole School Events / Key Dates	Back to School meetings				Black History Month	Pirate trip TBC	21.10 – Pirate dress up day	
Curriculum Links to Enquiry	English To entertain	Back to school routines. Dictated sentences in phonics.	What does a pirate need? <i>What do I need to be a pirate ready for pirate dress up day?</i> I need a hook. I need a hat. I need a cloak.	What does a pirate need to find treasure? I need a chest. I need a map. I need a compass.	What does a pirate need to protect themselves? I need a pistol. I need a sword. I need a cannon.	Can you name some pirate rules and punishments?	What can you find out about famous pirates from the past? Anne Bonny, Black Bart, Blackbeard.	<u>Purple book assessed write:</u> To write everything I know about pirates to read to my adults on pirate day.
	Text/Vocab	<i>Meet the pirates by James Davies</i> <i>Vocab: Nouns, verbs, capital letters, full stops, finger spaces, sentence, digraph, trigraph, grapheme, phoneme</i>						
	History			Christopher Columbus linked to maps			Blackbeard Anne Bonny Black Bart	
	Text/Vocab	<i>Pirate, Christopher Columbus, explorer, BlackBeard, map, compass, compass points, journey</i>						
	Geography		To use compass points. (2 sessions)		Children to learn the 7 continents and 5 oceans.	Draw a new pirate map with continent and ocean names		
	Text/Vocab	<i>Country, city, continent, ocean, sea, river, lake, map, compass, compass points, journey, continent, oceans.</i>						

	Science							Floating and sinking. Children to build their own pirate boat linked to English.	
	Text/Vocab	Float, sink, density, predict, fair test, evaluate, observe, conclude, material, object							
Maths		Previous reception experience.	Previous reception experience.	Previous reception experience.	Counting within 100.	Shape	Shape	Shape	Assessment
Computing					Introduce BeeBots in a teaching session				
Music		Learning pirate songs.							
RE		I can talk about things that happen to me (D1) including things I notice in the classroom.	I can recognise (religious) symbols and pictures and talk about them	I can talk about what happens to Ganesha in the story	I know what some Hindu symbols stand for and I can say what the murti of Ganesha means to Kedar	I can recognise religious symbols and pictures and talk about them	I can recognise religious symbols and pictures and talk about them. I can talk about what happens to others e.g., when they go to the temple.	I can recognise Christian symbols and pictures and talk about them	Reviewing our learning
PSHE		Jigsaw Journal/feeling special and safe in my class. Getting to know my class/layout and where things go.	Rights and responsibilities/ belonging to my class. Learning charter	Rights and responsibilities/ safe place for learning.	Review learning charter/ feeling proud.	Choices and consequences/ feeling.	Making positive choices with the learning charter.	Making positive choices with the learning charter.	Making positive choices with the learning charter- reviewing the impact
PE		To hit a target.	To defend a target.	To roll and slide balls and beanbags.	To shoot in a game to get points.	To work with a partner to score points.	To use our attacking and defending skills in a game.	To move side to side to defend a goal.	To bounce a ball with control to ourselves.

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