

Island Adventure

Our topic this term is 'Island Adventure.' Through this topic, we will be learning about the life of pirates and the creatures that live in the oceans that the pirates sail across! The children will be developing their curiosity, discussing what they notice, raising questions and expanding their vocabulary; across all areas of the curriculum. Below are some of the things we are going to be learning about to help you continue your learning at home.

The books that we will be reading in class are 'The Treasure of Pirate Frank', 'Ten Little Pirates' and 'Commotion in the Ocean'. We will be retelling these stories using Talk for Writing approach, puppets, story maps and actions.

Topic words	
pirate	ship
flag	map
telescope	treasure
seas	oceans
animals	creatures
land	countries
island	world

Who are pirates?

Pirates are people who travelled on ships, hunting for treasure. They would sail across oceans to different countries in the world. Pirates had special words and phrases they used when talking to each other such as 'ahoy!' and 'booty' to name a couple.

What is an island?

An island is a piece of land that is surrounded by sea.



How did pirate find treasure?

Pirates used maps. The X on the map marks the spot the treasure is buried. They planned the route they would need to take. Words like forwards, through, over are useful when discussing a route.



What animals live in the ocean?

Many animals live in the ocean. Sharks, whales, octopus, seahorse and clownfish are a few examples.

Describe what some of the ocean animals look like.

An octopus has eight tentacles.
A shark has sharp teeth.
Whales are large creatures.



Other books that you might like to read:

- Pirates Love Underpants by Claire Freedman
- Pirate Pete by Nick Sharratt
- The Snail and the Whale by Julia Donaldson