

Overview: This half term our topic is ‘Pirates & Princesses’.

There is no set text to learn we just read lots of pirate stories and discuss them – Who is in the story? what happened? What was your favourite bit?

Please find below a selection of activities that you can choose to work through with your child, remember in Year R we learn best by doing things in active and practical ways and approaching things ‘little and often’. In Year R we have plenty of time throughout the day for Child Initiated Learning, where children choose what they are doing and how. We support this learning by chatting with the children and asking about their tasks, we encourage them to go further and ask questions to help them to get there.

- Please keep practising forming letters correctly, reading and writing phonics sounds, reading and writing High Frequency words.
- Please continue to practise number recognition and accurate counting, saying one more and one less than a given number and adding and subtracting 2 numbers.
- Don’t forget to share your child’s endeavours on Tapestry, we would love to see what they have been keeping busy doing – whether it is from our list of ideas or your own home learning.

Physical Development	Literacy	Literacy	Mathematics	Mathematics	Understanding the World	Expressive Arts
	Reading	Writing	Number	Space, shape & Measure		
<p><i>Fine motor activities:</i> E.g. Use an old washing up bottle to water your plants by squeezing the water out. Peg out the washing on your washing line or airer.</p>	<p>Read different pirate stories, compare the pirates and what they do.</p>	<p>Draw your own pirate or dress up and take a picture then write a description of your pirate. Remember to start each sentence with a capital letter and end with a full stop.</p>	<p>Use an old tissue box to make your own pirate chest. Drop some coins in and rattle it guess how many are inside. Count carefully!</p>	<p>Weigh different treasures at home and put them in order heaviest to lightest.</p>	<p>In a bucket/bath take a collection of objects and see which float and which sink</p>	<p>Dress up like a pirate! Can you make a pirate accessory? Maybe a hat, telescope, treasure chest, compass... Show us on Tapestry what you chose!</p>
<p><i>Gross motor activities:</i> Draw a chalk activity path – See Google for some great ideas! Set up an obstacle course in the house or garden – can you walk the plank? Riding bikes, scooters etc Daily walks</p>	<p>Look at pirate maps and talk about the places on the map. Make up some great descriptive name, Skull Island, Dead Man’s creek, Mermaid rock, Shark Cove.....</p>	<p>Once you have made a pirate map write the instruction to the treasure. i.e. Go up to Skull Rock, go across the Snake pit, go past the crocodile creek and stop at the Twisted Tree.</p>	<p>Practise number problems. Pirate Patch has 9 gold coins but his parrot steals 2 how many are left? Pirate Ruby has 7 crowns and steals 5 more how many crowns does she have altogether? Pirate Pete and Pirate Bob steal 12 gold coins, when their share the treasure how many do they get each.</p>	<p>Hide some treasure in the garden and take turns using good positional language to go on a treasure hunt in the garden. Verbally tell your parent where the treasure is. i.e Go past the daffodils over the garden chair, around the slide/tree and the treasure is under the washing line.</p>	<p>Use a toy boat or use your origami one. Float it in the water or bath and see how many coins/stones will fit in before it sinks!</p>	<p>Design your own flag for your pirate ship. All pirates need their own design to show that it’s their ship!</p>
<p>Make a paper boat https://youtu.be/981t1yRjGFc https://youtu.be/M3_yo77kXEA</p>	<p>Make up your own story about a pirate. Where does he go? Does he steal some treasure? Does he bury or hide the treasure?</p>	<p>Pretend you are stranded on an Island and write a message in a bottle. Help I am.....</p>	<p>Practical adding and taking away using pirate treasure! (buttons, beads, foil balls...) Give your child a number sentence e.g. 3+5 – can they get the</p>	<p>In a bucket or large container. Fill different Tupperware containers with water to see which hold the most. How many small ones does it take to fill a big one?</p>	<p>Look at the power point about famous pirates and what they did.</p>	<p>Paint a picture of a pirate or a treasure map. You can add as many details as you would like.</p>

			equipment they need to solve the question?			
Check out Cosmic Kids Yoga or GoNoodle (we have used Fresh Start Fitness in school) on YouTube – see links below	Dress up like a pirate and go on a treasure hunt in the garden.	Write a list of things the pirate needs to take on an adventure compass, binoculars, parrot,	Sometimes even pirates need to share! Can you share by halving? Split groups of objects equally into two groups.		Join in with jobs in the garden. Can you help to plant seeds? What do you notice? Can you hear anything when you are outside? listen really carefully.	Make or draw a pirate ship. Cut up some straws, thread onto a lace to make necklaces.
Create gloop by adding cornflour and water to the tray along with a small amount of blue food colouring or paint (you could also use blue jelly). Place some small world pirate figures and treasure into the tray along with some large tweezers. Children can explore using their fine motor skills to try and free the pirates and the treasure from the sea.	Read a comic with the sound you did today http://phonicsplaycomics.co.uk/comics.html	Write a list a pirate has to do, scrub the deck, polish the compass, sharpen his cutlass/sword, climb the rigging, hoist the sail.....	Choose 10 of your coins/gems. Divide them into two groups starting with a different number each time; write down your 'patterns' eg 9 + 1, 8 + 2 etc.		Use technology purposefully. Use a tablet to play a game, use a home laptop to type? Can they control a mouse to draw a map or deserted island?	Using chalk, draw a large pirate flag on the ground. Add buttons, pom-poms, strips of material or whatever you have around the house! For children to use to decorate the pirate flag.

If you would like some more fun things to do, please look at the grid below for websites and printable resources that you and your child can work through at your own pace. You may recognise some of these links from the earlier Tapestry post.		
	Specific Website links	Download and Print
Physical Development	<p>Cosmic Kids Yoga: https://www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga</p> <p>Go Noodle – Fresh Start fitness: https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=gonoodle+exercise&sp=eAE%253D</p>	
Literacy Reading	<p>If you are member of a Bucks County Council library, you can access reading materials online: https://buckinghamshire.overdrive.com/library/kids</p> <p>Play Poop Deck Pirates using the correct phonics sounds for your child: https://www.ictgames.com/mobilePage/poopDeck/index.html</p> <p>Phonics play comics http://phonicsplaycomics.co.uk/comics.html</p> <p>Oxford University Press have opened their e-library FREE of charge for the duration of lockdown – lots of fab ‘reading scheme’ type texts. https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/</p> <p>And have additional reading activities... https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/reading-age-4-5-reception/</p>	<p>There are lots of options on Twinkl (www.twinkl.co.uk) for you to download and print off.</p> <p>Refer to the Tapestry (3rd April) for guidance as to which set of sound to be working towards, i.e. Phase 2/3/4/5</p> <p>E.g. ‘Phase 2 Phonics Activity Booklet’, ‘Phase 3 Phonics Activity Booklet’ and so on... There are even pirate ones too! E.g. Pirates Phase 2 Tricky Word Activity Booklet</p> <p>Practise writing labels, lists, sentences, cards, postcards... whatever captures your child’s imagination.</p> <p>Don’t forget that using different things to write with can make it more exciting e.g. biros, felt tips, pencils, chalks etc...</p> <p>Treasure Map design Activity.</p> <p>Jakes First day ebook</p>
Literacy Writing		<p>Pirate Early Writing Activities</p> <p>Create your own pirate Wanted poster</p> <p>Message in a bottle writing frame</p>
Maths Number	<p>A weekly set of activities based around a story: https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/early-years/</p> <p>Counting games: https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/underwater-counting https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/ladybird-spots https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/gingerbread-man-game https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/teddy-numbers</p> <p>Number recognition: https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/blast-off</p> <p>Adding & Subtracting: https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/puzzles/numberblocks-easy-patterns-quiz?collection=numbers-and-letters https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/puzzles/numberblocks-number-magic-adding-and-subtracting?collection=numbers-and-letters</p> <p>Number bonds – two special numbers that add together to equal a set total:</p>	<p>EYFS ELG maths activity</p> <p>Adding More Treasure to Pirate Patch’s Chest</p> <p>For anyone that would like some extra practise with their number formation, check out Twinkl’s ‘Pirate-Themed Number Formation Workbook’</p> <p>Pirate Dot to Dot</p>

	https://www.ictgames.com/saveTheWhale/index.html	
Maths SSM	Shape Monsters: https://www.topmarks.co.uk/early-years/shape-monsters	Pirate themed Maths Activities
Understanding the World	Program the BeeBot to reach a desired location: https://www.terrapiologo.com/emu/beebot.html	Famous Pirates Power point All about Pirates powerpoint
Expressive arts	Can you learn a pirate song? Try this pirate song– set to a familiar tune. https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/t-t-2546704-were-off-on-an-adventure-song-powerpoint or https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/t-t-2546703-im-a-pirate-song-powerpoint #nursery rhymes#kidssongs#sing	Design your own Flag
All Areas	Twinkl Home Learning hub – an ideal place to start. Daily updates and resource links and ideas make this very busy website a little easier to navigate. https://www.twinkl.co.uk/home-learning-hub General games to support using ICT and home learning: https://www.crickweb.co.uk/ https://www.ictgames.com/ https://www.topmarks.co.uk/ https://www.bbc.co.uk/ (Cbeebies – games)	