

## X Marks the Spot

### Year 2

The children in Year 2 will be invited to start a 6 week trial with the Pirate Academy. Each week they will be set different task or problem for them to solve. It will be up to the children to think of different ways in which to do so. Much of this topic is experience based so please don't reveal too much of this information to your child ahead of time.

#### English

During this topic, the children's writing will be inspired by their experiences, ensuring all writing is purposeful. They will take part in research projects, plot oceanic voyages and write setting descriptions. Later in the topic, they will write job descriptions and applications.

In our Reading Comprehension lessons, the children will practise reading lengthy texts and answer retrieval questions (where the answer is in the text). They will also start to answer inference questions where they must "read between the lines".



#### Maths

This half term we will begin learning about multiplication and division. This will include the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. Please do not jump ahead and teach your child/ren any of the other times tables as we need them to build a high level fluency in the tables outlined above.

#### Science

In Science, we will be focusing on the properties of materials. The children will learn about different materials and what they could be used for. They will also take part in experiments to investigate the suitability of materials for different purposes, such as absorbency and buoyancy in relation to pirate ships.

#### Geography

In this topic, the children will be learning about the world's oceans and continents. We will be focusing on a Caribbean Island and comparing it to life in Dunmow.

#### History

In History we will be looking specifically at pirate ships and learning to identify them compared to other ships. We will be thinking about how pirate ships are different from other types of boats.

#### Art

In Art, the children will use tools to make our own clay pirate coins. They will also use their artistic skills when creating their own pirate journals.

#### DT

In DT the children will learn about the importance of a healthy diet and how pirates would often suffer from scurvy. They will make hardtack and a fruit salad.

#### Music/Dance

The children will perform a variety of sea shanties before composing their own for performance in a pirate concert at the end of the term.

#### Computing

During Computing this half term the children will be using the Chromebooks to explore Google tools, including Google Earth and Google Slides.

#### Ways to help at home

Please continue to support your child with their weekly homework and read with them as much as you can.