



# Havercroft Academy Yo ho ho...a pirating we will go.

## English

We will continue our journey to become better writers through daily handwriting and phonics lessons, learning how to write the letters we need to represent the sounds we hear. As writers we will practice writing, writing sentences including conjunctions. We will be writing about pirates and finding out information about them. Looking at non-fiction books.



## Mathematics

As mathematicians we will be developing our number recognition and reasoning, beginning to estimate how many up to 20 and counting carefully to check. We will develop calculation skills, counting on to find out how many there are altogether and taking away practically. We will also be looking at the properties of 2D and 3D shapes and also doubling and halving.

## Expressive arts and Designs

As Artists we will continue to develop our techniques using a range of media. We will produce a variety of artwork, developing skills such as painting, collage and model making. We will be using different musical instruments to explore the sounds they make and to fit in with our topic.

## Physical Development PE

In PE we will continue to think about routines for changing into our PE clothes and back again into our school uniforms. In the hall, we will develop ball skills such as rolling, kicking, throwing and catching.

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## Knowledge and Understanding

### Science

As Scientists we will continue to learn the importance of careful observation and predicting. We will be looking at different materials and which can float, to see which would be best for a pirate ship.

### Technology

As Information Technologists we will continue to develop our computer skills, such as mouse control and keyboard skills, as we use the laptops in our Caterpillar room and together on the interactive whiteboard. We will use the iPad to take photographs of our growing bean plants.

### British Values

As responsible citizens, we will be developing an increased awareness of respect for others and ourselves. We aim to take more pride in ourselves, our work and our school.

### PSED

We will continue to focus on taking turns, sharing and how good we feel about ourselves. We will be celebrating who we are and continue to work on the art of complimenting others.

## Class Reading

This term our English lessons will be based on traditional tales. Together we will explore the characters and storylines, using them as inspiration for writing of our own. We will also continue to read with the children in small groups through Guided Reading and individually. Please continue to contribute to the home-school reading record to keep us informed of how your child is doing and how we can work together to ensure progress.



## Enrichment

This term we will be inviting parents to join us for another Inspire morning, this time with a range of math's activities for children to do with their parents, showing how we teach different aspects of mathematics.

The children will continue to learn through experience in all areas of the Foundation Stage classrooms, including the outdoor provision, providing opportunities to develop skills through free choice activities, along with challenges to develop particular skills, all in a safe, inspiring environment.

## Important Information

- PE Kits – please can you ensure your child has their kit (shorts, tee shirt and pumps) every Monday morning and that every item is clearly named.
- Please listen to your child read as often as possible and write a short comment to inform staff of any achievements or difficulties.

**Thank you for your support.**

### Our Home Learning Schedule

As a guide, the following homework will be set each week:

- 15 minutes **Reading** at least three times per week. Reading diaries to be completed and signed by parents.
- In addition to this, as we encourage independent learning at Havercroft, all pupils are asked to complete a research project.

### **LFS and UFS Home Learning Project** **Yo ho ho... a pirating we will go.**

We have been really pleased with the completed projects so far that the children have brought in. We encourage the children by the end of the topic to create a different project showing us what they have learnt about pirates. This term's project needs to be completed and returned to school during the week commencing **July 10<sup>th</sup>** and the children will be given the chance to share their learning with the rest of the class during that week. If your child needs any paper or other resources that school can provide, please encourage them to ask their class teacher.

### Project Ideas

- Pirate ship
- Telescope
- Treasure map
- Treasure chest
- Drawings/posters
- Leaflets about pirates
- Eye patches and hats
- Parrots
- List of belonging you would take if you were a pirate
- Design a pirate with new name

Of course your child is welcome to come up with their own ideas for their project.

### Visit:

We are hoping that we will go on a visit this term and we will be giving you more information on this nearer the time.

We will be having a pirate themed day in July to celebrate our topic. This will involve the children dressing up as a pirate for the day. We give you advance warning of this in order for you to arrange appropriate dress.

Thank you for your continued support.



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