

St. Swithun's: Year 1/2 Curriculum Map – Spring 1 – Ahoy, Titanic!

Major outcomes for the topic:
Pirate fact files in English.
Floating boats and rafts in DT.

English

For our English topic this half term we will be learning all about pirates! We will be reading and discussing pirate fiction books such as 'The Pirates Next Door' and 'The Pirates of Scurvy Sands' by Johnny Duddle as a class. We will be working on our reading comprehension skills by making predictions, answering questions and making inferences about how the characters might be feeling and why.

In writing, we will be writing non-fiction fact files about pirates, ensuring we use conjunctions such as 'and', 'because' 'but' and 'so' to join our sentences. As part of our grammar learning we will be recapping nouns and adjectives as well as learning about verbs. We will also be looking what a suffix and how to add these to root words. We will then apply this learning by writing real life accounts of our trip to the titanic museum.

We will also be listening to some sea shanties and limericks about pirates to learn more about poetry and rhyming words.

Art & Design

We will have a DT focus this half term.

Computing

This half term we will become computer scientists by giving directional instructions that can be used to instruct robots. We will be learning the term algorithm and programing Beebots to follow simple instructions.

Design & Technology

We will be applying the skills we have learnt in science to make floating boats or rafts, ensuring we design them so they float in water. We will test these out in water and then evaluate how well they worked.

Geography

We will have a history focus this half term.

Mathematics

In Maths this half term we will be recapping our place value numbers by ordering numbers from 0 to 100. We will continue to count in 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s using number lines to help us. We will recap our addition and subtraction work from last term and some of us will solve problems with two digit numbers that will require carrying numbers over to find the answer. We will continue to develop our problem solving skills by explaining how we reached our answers and which methods we chose. We will then learn about division by sharing amounts into groups and use a variety of practical resources to support us. We will end the half term learning fractions including halves, quarters and some of will look at thirds. We will find fractions of shapes, objects and amounts. Please continue to work on number formation and number bond knowledge at home to support your child.

Modern Languages

In the Spring we are learning the story 'Va t'en grand monstre vert' (Go away big green monster) and revising colours and learning body parts.

Languages

Music

The children will be exploring music to a story. In this case they will begin to look at traditional fables such as Red Riding Hood and adding musical instruments to it.

Exciting beginnings / events/ theme days/ trips / visitors

We will be visiting the Titanic museum in Southampton to immerse ourselves in the day to day life of the Titanic by exploring artefacts and finding out lots of fun facts.

Text, videos, music, pictures to ensure experiences of rich and varied literary heritage

We will be immersing ourselves fully in the day to day life aboard the Titanic with video clips, listening to sounds and our fantastic trip to the Titanic museum!

PSHE / British Values

In our health and well-being topic we will learn about the importance of exercise, a balanced diet and getting enough sleep. We will also be continuing our Happy Mind lessons with our new 'Appreciate' unit where we learn about being grateful for ourselves, others and experiences.

Science

This term we will be linking science to our topic about The Titanic. We will explore a variety of everyday materials to design and identify and describe their physical properties. We will then carry out investigations in groups, predicting which materials will float and which will sink, recording our observations in a table.

History

In History, we will be exploring a significant event beyond our living memory and finding out all about the Titanic. We will find out what life was like aboard the ship. We will then go on our exciting trip to the Titanic museum for an immersive experience.

Physical Education

In inside PE, we will be starting a dance unit. We will create and perform short, expressive dance routines using a variety of movements. In outside games, we will be continuing to develop our coordination and ball skills by travelling and passing with different equipment.

Education

Religious

We will begin the new year with two weeks of learning and retelling the Christmas story. We will then begin our Revelations unit and will learn about miracles and parables such as The Good Samaritan.

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