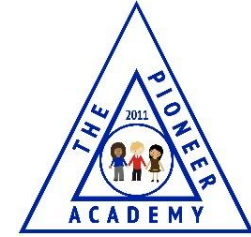




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Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Next IPC topic in Year 1 is Treasure Islands. We are going to find out about how the world is a connected place. For thousands of years people have been building networks of trade across the land and sea. We will be looking at how islands became connected, how countries sold their resources to others. Perhaps most excitingly we will be looking at the challenges of transporting goods across the seas and oceans and how this was threatened by nature and by people ... PIRATES!

For our entry point, the children are taking part in some games to help them decide what the unit is about. These are 'island hopping' (where they cross shark infested waters), 'captain's commands' (where they must follow a captain's orders on a ship). We would love it if the children could come dressed ready to obey the captain on Tuesday 5th November 2024. Get your bandannas and your eye patches ready!

For their half term homework, we would like the children to make either a treasure chest, pirate ship, treasure map, telescopes or any pirate related objects! Be as creative as you want and these will be displayed in our Year 1 shared area in school.

We hope the children come home and tell you all that they have learnt!

Kind regards,  
The Year 1 Team



## As International Citizens we will:

- Understand that there are different rules in places.
- Be able to articulate where we consider home to be.

## As readers we will:

Learning some new phase 5 sounds such as ir (bird), ue (blue), aw (claw) and a-e (shake). We will also be working on using this sound knowledge to read and write words and sentences.

## As mathematicians we will:

- Looking at solving addition and subtraction sums (within 10).
- Exploring shapes while studying geometry.

## As artists and designers we will:

- Design and making our own coins.
- Design and creating a treasure chest.
- Making our own compass.

### What can you do to help?

**Make sure you are reading at least 3 times a week. Make sure that you ask questions, encourage fluency and encourage reading with expression.**

*Also any additional learning about pirates would be amazing!*

## As scientists we will:

- Be able to explain how sailors used their knowledge of the Earth, Sun and Moon to help navigate.

## As musicians we will:

- Sing sea shanties.
- Compose and play music inspired by storms and journeys across the sea.
- Perform with instruments.

## As writers we will:

- Be writing an instructional text using imperative verbs.
- Studying stories with familiar settings.
- Focusing on poetry with a play on language.



**Entry point – pirate dress up and pirate games.**

**Exit point – A lovely trip to the Cutty Sark!**

## As geographers we will:

- Explore other countries near us.
- Discover islands around the world.
- Follow transport routes.
- Understand how to use globes and maps.
- Learn that fruits grow in different places around the world.
- Creating our own maps.
- Understand how a compass rose is used to navigate.

## As historians we will:

- Discover what Pirates ate on their long journeys at sea.

## Also...

- In RE we will be continuing to look at who is a Christian and what do they believe.
- In PE we will be doing dance and functional fitness activities.
- In PSHE we will be looking at our emotions.

**If you have any questions or would like some more information about our topic, please contact a member of the Year 1 team!**

Adaptable

Communicator

Ethical

Empathetic

Thinker

Respectful

Resilient

Collaborator