



Treasure trails and pirate tales: Autumn 1

September 2nd – October 23rd 2026



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English and Drawing Club

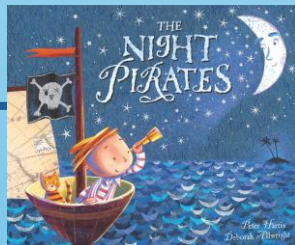
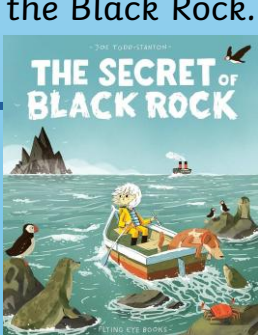
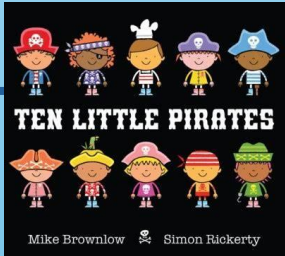
In English this term, we will be exploring a range of books connected to the theme of pirates.

Using a wonderful collection of pirate stories in Drawing Club sessions, year R will focus on learning new vocabulary, verbalising ideas, drawing skills and letter formation.

Year 1 will focus on simple sentence structure and a clear and firm understanding of basic punctuation. For the book 'Ten Little Pirates', the year 1 children will produce a descriptive piece of writing about a pirate.

For the book 'The Night pirates', the year 1 children will write a simple sequence of events.

For the book 'The Secret of Black Rock', the year 1 children will write a question that they would like to ask the Black Rock.



Maths

Year R

- Subitising within 3
- Counting skills
- Exploring how all numbers are made of 1s
- Focus on the composition of 3 and 4
- Subitise objects and sounds
- Comparing sets of objects using language such as more than and fewer than

Year 1

- Count objects
- Count objects from a larger group
- Represent objects
- Recognise numbers as words
- Count on from any number
- Count backwards within 10
- Count within 20
- Understand 10
- Understand teen numbers
- Understand 20
- 1 more and 2 less
- Use a number line to 20
- Estimate on a number line to 20
- Fewer, more, same
- Less than, greater than, equal to
- Compare numbers to 20
- Order objects and numbers
- Order numbers to 20
- Part whole model
- Write number sentences
- Number bonds to 10
- Number bonds within 10
- Fact families
- Addition and subtraction

Dairy Dates

- Thurs 22nd Oct 2:50 Parent Share (Robins Class)
- October Harvest Festival (next half term)

Classroom Information

Monday (Miss Gilbody)

Outdoor learning afternoon

PE kits into school

Tuesday (Miss Gilbody)

Outdoor PE

Wednesday (Mrs Robinson)

Year 1 homework due in

Thursday (Mrs Robinson)

Library day, please return last weeks library books

Friday (Miss Gilbody)

Year 1 homework set

Year R phonics practise sent home

Inside PE

PE kits sent home

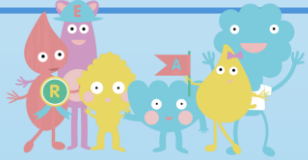
To have in school each day – water bottle, reading diary and reading book.

Music

During our Friday music lessons with Mrs Elmslie, Robins Class will focus on exploring sounds, copying patterns and introducing beats as well as learning some pirate songs.



In My Happy Mind sessions, Robins Class will begin the first unit of the year, 'Meet your brain.'



Year R



Phonics

In phonics lessons, year R will learn to read and write sounds and words. Phonics lessons are taught daily and throughout the school year. The sounds that Robins Class will learn this term are
s a t p i n m d g o c k c k e u r h b f l



Understanding the World

The year R children will investigate a variety of pirate maps, maps of the world and maps of this area.

We will begin to learn about the seasons of the year and observe the signs of autumn as they begin to appear.

The children will also explore a variety of everyday materials and their uses.

Expressive arts and design

The year R children will get the chance to explore a variety of different creative resources and tasks, often linking to our focus stories.



PSHE

In our PSHE Heart Smart sessions this term, Robins Class will focus on the following themes

- Different ways to be Heart Smart
 - Working and playing together
- Taking turns and encouraging each other
- Think about how others are feeling
 - Talk about the things that we love



PE

In our indoor PE sessions this term, Robins Class will focus on dance and in our outdoor PE lessons, we will focus on ball skills.



Year 1

Phonics

This term, the year 1s will recap digraphs and trigraphs learned last year, before moving onto learning to read and write words with two or more digraphs as well as beginning to learn some new digraphs.

Science

In science, the children will be investigating the properties of everyday materials leading to a project that will involve choosing the best material to make a raincoat for a pirate.



Geography

Our enquiry question is 'What is it like here?' We will be locating our school on an aerial map and then creating and drawing simple maps of the school grounds.



DT

We will be designing and creating pencil pots. Our focus will be the stability of different bases.

Computing

We will be learning how to programme Beebots in order to follow a map to find the pirate's treasure.



RE

We will be investigating whether it is possible to be kind all of the time. Our focus religion will be Christianity.