**Mathematics**

This term we will be using addition and subtraction to solve problems. We will also learn to order random numbers correctly, and support this using the computer program Espresso. We will be learning to say the days of the week and months of the year in order and will be learning about times of the day. We will find out how to prove and record which pirate bucket holds the most water. At home you could help your child by discussing the months of the year you have family celebrations, and talk about what time it is when you sit down to have meals, for example.

**Understanding the World**

As part of our topic we will be learning about seas and rivers. We will look at animals that live in water and use the internet to find out information about different marine life. We will also be looking at boats from the past and present day, and thinking about how they sail, e.g. wind or powered with fuel. At home, make a paper boat with your child, and find a good place where you can sail it together.

**Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

We will be thinking about all the changes that have happened to us this year and how change makes us feel. We will be getting ready for Year One and discussing how we feel about changing classes.

**Communication and Language**

We will be turning our role-play area into a smugglers cave. In groups we will be making up our own pirate stories and sharing them with each other.

At home make up your own pirate stories and share them with your family.

**Literacy**

As well as continuing with our daily phonics and handwriting teaching, we will be looking at a range of pirate stories and sea shanties, and then write our own. At home continue to hear your child read each day, and now that we are able to write longer sentences, encourage your child to write a diary entry each day for a week, and bring it into class to share.

**Expressive Arts and Design**

We will be decorating our class smugglers cave by making sea creatures to hang as well as making our own clay treasure pots.

At home, design and make your own treasure map, and bring it into class so we can all find the treasure.

**Physical Development**

This term we will be having our school sports day. In our lessons we will be practising running and obstacle races. We will also continue to practise riding the different wheeled toys each day.

At home make an obstacle course for your toys in your garden.

**Pirates**



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