



Kingsthorpe Village Primary School Curriculum Newsletter

2026

Reception Spring term

Welcome back to the new term. We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and a restful New Year. We are looking forward to starting the new term with our topic 'Land Ahoy'.

In this topic we will be having lots of fun pretending to be Pirates and setting off on a new learning adventure.



Expressive Art and Design (Specific area)

We will be:

- Learning a selection of Pirate songs and rhymes.
- Playing imaginatively in a Pirate ship role play (outdoors) and Pirate café role play (indoors)
- Making boats that float and explore materials to explore floating and sinking.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development (Prime)

We will be:

- Having discussions about what children already know about Pirates and what they would like to find out.
- Talking about how pirates would often steal things from other people and discussing right and wrong. We will focus on teamwork and collaboration skills when constructing role play pirate ship and playing other pirate games.
- Think about challenges and seeking help.

Mathematics (Specific area)

We will be:

- Using coins and treasure to learn about number bonds to 5.
- Using numbered gold coins to play ordering games, missing number games, matching and counting games.
- Learning pirate number songs and stories (When I was one ... 10 little pirates)
- Using pirate themed objects for practical addition and subtraction activities. The book '10 Little Pirates' will be used to introduce subtraction.
- Playing with numbered shells/corks in the water tray.
- Weighing treasure using the balance scales.

Understanding the World (Specific)

We will be:

- Looking at the different creatures we might find under the sea.
- Looking at different types of Pirate ships and their features
- Using a search engine to find out more about children's interests and questions.

Communication and Language (prime area) and Literacy (specific area)

We will be:

- Learning to speak with confidence during circle/carpet times.
- Learning to listen and respond appropriately with relevant comments, questions or actions.
- Using appropriate story language to re-enact/re-tell Pirate stories.
- Learning new vocabulary related to our Pirate topic.

Physical Development (Prime area)

We will be:

- Using the apparatus as 'islands' in the hall for moving over, under and around. We will use benches in between apparatus for 'walking the plank' and practice jumping and landing safely.
- Using tools and junk materials to make boats, telescopes and treasure chests and will develop fine motor skills by picking up lentils to decorate a starfish outline and threading necklaces for treasure.

Reminders

Reading

The children will read at school once a week with an adult. Please read at home as much as you can and remember to write in the homework diary each time. Please keep your child's reading book and homework diary in their book bag at all times.

PE

We will continue to get changed for PE on Thursday afternoon. Please ensure that your child has a named t-shirt and shorts for this lesson. It would be helpful if you could practice getting dressed as independently as possible at home.

Thank you very much for your continued support and commitment to your children's learning.

Mrs Calvert, Mrs Soldano and the Reception team

Snack

If your child would prefer to have school fruit we have fruit daily. However, you can provide your child with their own snack in a named pot.