



Rumboldswyke School

30th April 2021

Year R Curriculum Letter – Summer Term – Mrs Toy and Mrs Harris

This half term, our Learning Experience is called 'Land Ahoy' and below you can see the learning that will be taking place in the different areas of the Early Years Curriculum:

Literacy

In Phonics, we are learning to read and write words containing the long vowel sounds: 'ay', 'ee', 'igh', 'ow', 'oo'.

After exploring a range of pirate themed stories, we will become authors and write our own pirate adventures.

Maths

We will use some picture books and 'Numberblocks' episodes to support learning about 'To 20 and beyond', as well as lots of practical, hands-on experience.

We will be:

Building numbers beyond 10.

Counting to 20 and looking for patterns beyond 10.

Developing our spatial reasoning: matching, rotating and manipulating shapes.

Using positional language to give directions to find treasure.



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Expressive arts and design

We will continue to develop our colour mixing skills to paint pirates.

We will learn about how pirates used sea shanties to help them do jobs on the ship and sing some of our own.

After examining seascapes by different artists, we will create our own using different tones of wool.

We will also be creating treasure maps.

Understanding the World

Investigating floating and sinking.

Digging and sifting in the mud kitchen area to find treasure.

Using drainpipes/boxes/crates/planks to build pirate ships.

Investigating magnets – all the treasure has sunk to the bottom of the sea. Can you get it out using the magnets?

Ways to help at home:

- ✓ Please continue to hear your child read regularly, every day, if possible;
- ✓ Practice counting up to at least 20.
- ✓ Practice recognizing and writing numbers to 10 and then 20.
- ✓ To reinforce our learning about 3D shapes, can your child spot any cubes, cuboids, cylinders, spheres or pyramids in your house or when out and about on a walk? Can they talk about what shape faces these shapes have? For example, a cube has square-shaped faces.

With very best wishes,
Mrs Harris and Mrs Toy