

Nursery Class - Summer 2 - Week 7

Arrrr me hearties!!!

Our theme is ‘Let’s go on a journey’ and our story focus is ‘Portside Pirates’ by Oscar Seaworthy.

Please use these ideas as a basis for your child’s learning at home. You can revisit and adapt the ideas throughout the week to develop your child’s interest and to consolidate their learning. Remember to also take time to observe your child and to then follow their individual needs and interests.

Message from Mrs. Patterson...

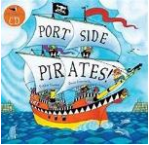
“I hope that you enjoyed going on the journey with the snail and the whale last week; my favourite part was when the whale was rescued from the beach. This week we are going to end the year with a pirate theme! I can’t quite believe that we have reached the end of the school year; this year has been such an unusual one and I am so sad that we did not get to finish it together in our nursery class with all our friends and teachers. I have loved being your class teacher; to the children heading off to reception, I wish you all lots of love and luck for the next stage of your early years journey and to the children continuing in nursery next year, I can’t wait to welcome you back after the summer break. You are all wonderful and I am super proud of each and every one of you; take care and stay safe! Please feel free to get in touch to share what you have been doing at home or if you have any questions or queries, it is really lovely to hear from you.”

Our nursery class email address is nursery.montalbo@durhamlearning.net

Literacy

• Can you listen to the story?

If you don’t have a copy of the story at home, you can watch it on the link below.
<https://www.youtube.com/PortsidePirates>



After listening to the story, you could:

- talk about all the things that happened on the pirate’s journey.
- write a pirate message in a bottle.
- design your own pirate flag.

**I have added a message in a bottle template, or you could write it on normal paper and put it in a real bottle.*

**I have also added a pirate flag template and a Jolly Roger image for you to look at for inspiration.*

• Can you dig for treasure?

This week we are going to play an alliteration game. For this game you will need a tray or bowl filled with either sand, scrunched up paper or leaves etc... (something that you can hide objects in).

You will also need two sets of objects which have names beginning with the same initial sounds e.g. a cup, car, cat, candle, cow etc...

Hide them in the tray and then encourage your child to uncover the treasure and to start to group the objects by their initial sound and each time another is added, recite the content of that set, e.g. “Wow, you have found a car, and now a cup, and then you found a cat etc...” Emphasise the initial sound and that they all start with the same sound.

Maths

• Can you hunt for numbered pirate coins?

This week we are going to link our maths with our pirate theme. You could use the coins that you have made with the foil or you could make some other numbered coins.

**I have also added some blank pirate coins to the website; you could print them out and number them.*

Have fun hiding the coins and then challenging your child to find them. You could count the coins that you find, you could match the numbers to a number line or you could challenge your child to order them. Adapt this game to meet the needs and interest of your child.

• Can you compare the amounts of treasure?



This week we are doing some more maths focussing on comparing amounts, using mathematical vocabulary more, fewer and the same. You could make your own groups to compare or use the chest activity on the website.

**I have added some pirate chest images to the website for you to compare.*

Communication and Language

- **Can you follow and give directions?**

For this activity you will need some 'treasure' to hid in your home/outdoor area. Take turns to hide it and then you need to give directions to your child to help them to find the treasure. You may need to do lots of modelling to support your child with this game. Your child can then hide it for you, and they can give you directions to help you find the treasure.



- **Can you talk like a pirate?**

<https://www.bing.com/videos/PirateTalk>

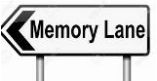
This fun video will help you learn how to talk like a pirate. I wonder who the best pirate in your family will be.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- **Can you share your favourite memories?**

As this week is the last week of the school year, let us take time to recall some of your favourite memories of your time in nursery. Your child could draw, or you could scribe what they say. I would love to read/see your memories; you could email them to me at our nursery class email address. **I have also added a 'Favourite Memories' sheet to the website.*



- **Can you play party games?**

Party games such as musical bumps and musical statues are great fun and they help to develop children's listening skills, their ability to take turns and they also help to build up a child's tolerance of not always winning and being 'out' with a smile on their face. Have fun together playing some traditional party games.



Understanding the World

- **Can you work together to complete the quiz?**

Andy from CBeebies has an Underwater Quiz for you to work together to complete. Good luck, I hope that you enjoy learning and remembering some of the interesting facts? <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/puzzles/andys-safari-adventures-underwater-quiz>



- **Can you explore ways to make your paper look old?**

To link in with our pirate theme you could explore making your own old paper for your pirate map. You could do an experiment to see if using old tea bags, coffee or mud give the best old effect. **I have added an image of an old pirate map for you to look at for inspiration.*



Physical

Fine Motor:

- **Can you create your own pirate coins?**

This week to develop your child's fine motor skills you could challenge them to create their own pirate treasure. You will need card (recycled food boxes will be ideal) and kitchen tin foil. Allow your child time to manipulate the foil to wrap the coins.



Gross motor:

- **Can you set up your own pirate themed obstacle course?**

You could use resources from around your home to set up your own pirate themed obstacle course for you and your child to complete. Think about things that they could use to balance along, jump on/over, crawl under etc... You could even make them walk the plank!



Expressive Arts and Design

- **Can you create your own parrot?**

Pirates are often seen with a pet parrot on their shoulder. This week you could explore making your own pet parrot by drawing, painting or collaging using creative materials. I wonder what you will call your new pet parrot.



- **Can you join in with the pirate dance?**

This week I challenge you to learn this pirate dance – 'A Pirate You Shall Be' <https://www.youtube.com/APirateYouShallBe> Have fun me hearties!



**The ideas for your learning at home is based on the seven areas of learning from the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) curriculum.*