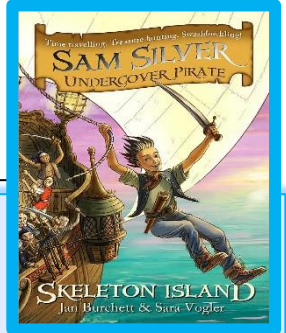




Curriculum Newsletter

Year 3 - Autumn 2024

This term our learning journey is **Storms and Shipwrecks**. We will be joining Sam Silver on board the Sea Wolf as we journey through the Caribbean, looking for long lost treasure. Along the way, we will be learning about pirates from the past and exploring what life was like in the Golden Age of Piracy. Welcome aboard!



We are scientists

Science knowledge and skills will include

- Investigating light and how shadows are formed
- Using prior knowledge of electricity to create working lanterns
- Identifying that humans need nutrition and that this comes from the food we eat
- Learning about the digestive system and how food is absorbed by our body
- Identifying the types of teeth we have and researching the simple functions of our teeth

We are geographers

Geography knowledge and skills will include

- Using digital mapping to locate the Caribbean
- Comparing old and new maps of the Caribbean
- Studying the physical and human geography of the Caribbean
- Using 4 figure grid references, symbols and keys



We are historians

History knowledge and skills will include

- Exploring life during the Golden Age of Piracy
- Finding out about the lives of real-life pirates
- Exploring the changes in village life from 1700 to today



English

Grammar

- Use of apostrophes and inverted commas
- Appropriate choice of noun and pronouns
- Composing sentences using a wider range of structures
- Use of conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions to express time and cause

Writing

- Preparing poems to read aloud
- Improving consistency of quality handwriting
- Use of appropriate grammar and vocabulary to create an adventure story
- Use of simple organisational devices to create a non-fiction piece about famous pirates
- Evaluate and edit our writing – proposing changes

Key Text – Sam Silver and Skeleton Island

Maths

- To recognise the place value of each digit in a two then three-digit number (hundreds, tens, ones)
- To add and subtract numbers with two two-digit numbers and then up to three digits, using formal written methods
- To estimate the answer to a calculation and use inverse operations to check answers e.g. using rounding
- To add and subtract numbers mentally
- To recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 and then 3, 4 and 8 multiplication tables.
- To connect 2, 4 and 8x through doubling
- To recognise fractions in the context of parts of a whole

Practise times tables daily at home and access TT Rock stars.



PSHE/RSE

The children will be focusing on physical health and mental wellbeing, and oral hygiene.

Physical Education – Knowledge and Skills

This term the children will be learning control and coordination necessary for gymnastics. Children will also be swimming.

Music – Knowledge and Skills

All children will be learning to play the recorder.
The children will be learning to sing in tune with expression, sing songs from memory and use simple harmony.

Art – Knowledge and Skills

The children will be finding out about the designer Vivienne Westwood and completing painting techniques based on the artist Turner, whilst improving their drawing skills.

Computing – Knowledge and Skills

We will focus upon e-safety and understanding how to use the internet for research. The children will also experience an understanding of coding and debugging.

DT – Knowledge and Skills

We will be designing, making and evaluating lanterns for the ship. Also, looking at a choice of materials for our product. The children will also participate in their termly cooking task.

Rights Respecting Schools

Article 24

You have the right to clean, safe water to drink, nutritious food and a clean and safe environment to live.

Article 36

You have the right to protection from any kind of exploitation (being taken advantage of).

RE – Knowledge and Skills

We will be exploring Christianity, understanding the Holy Book and sharing stories from the New Testament. The children will also identify key religious festivals throughout the term.

Supporting learning at home

Your child will be set spelling and maths homework on Wednesday, this should be returned by Monday morning. In addition, the children will be set times table activities through Times Tables Rock Stars. Log in details will be sent home.

Reading

Accelerated Reader

Your child will complete a star test through Accelerated Reader each term which will generate a ZPD based on their comprehension and vocabulary understanding. Your child will then choose a book within that ZPD from school. Once your child completes a book, they will complete a quiz in school.

Your child's AR book is their home reading book, please ensure that you listen to your child read daily. It is also important that you share other stories and books at home with your child to develop their love of reading.

Times tables in Year 3

Children in Year 3 will be taking part in TT Rockstars this year. Your child will receive a login where they will be able to access the website at home to continue practising their times tables. They will also be accessing this website during our maths lessons. Each week, we will share the TT Rockstar wall of fame and award certificates in our achiever's assembly.

Year 3 Events & Key Dates

Monday 4th November - Marvellous Middle with Captain Barnacle (the children will be dressing up).