



Dodd Class – Spring 2

Far Away Places - Pirates



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<p style="text-align: center;"><u>English</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listening to stories about pirates • Using drama to retell stories • Expanding our vocabulary and focusing specifically on verbs and adverbs • Developing our comprehension through reading and following directions • Joining two points together to form a sentence using conjunctions • Looking closely at grammar and developing our finger spaces and full stops. • Discovering “bottled messages” and using a letter in a bottle to send a letter to the pirates from our class story. 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Mathematics</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looking at different units of measurement • Using scales to compare mass • Using jugs and kitchen measures to compare volume of liquids • Using rulers and metre sticks to compare height • Using non-standard units of measure to compare size • Using comparative language to describe measures in relation to one another. • Following recipes which require specific measurements • To compare to measures and identify which is bigger/smaller • To sequence measurements 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>PSHE/RSE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploring life cycles • Looking at how we have changed since we were babies • Exploring how our hobbies can change over time • Learning how boys and girls are different • Learning how my body is private and personal safety • Exploring that our learning journey is changing us, we are always changing as we learn new things • Talking about how sometimes things in our life changes and how this is okay (moving houses/Starting in Dodd classroom this year)
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Wider World</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To explore cultural celebrations including Easter, Holi and Ramadan • Learning about how people celebrate these days and how they are important to individuals • Looking at the many properties of water • To explore water in its different states 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Art/DT</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This half-term, students will be practicing and progressively increasing their ability to use their fine-motor skills, by learning how to make mini-products for Ramadan, Saint Patrick’s Day, Easter and their termly theme of ‘Around the 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>My Independence</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparing ourselves and our workspace for cooking activities. • Reading simple cooking recipes and helping our peers follow instructions. • Exploring reading for pleasure, walking to the library and swapping our reading books for new ones.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To follow science experiment guides using water to separate mixed colours 	<p>world'. Students will be focusing on increasing their skills with cutting, sticking and folding.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Practicing and developing our road safety skills through group walks, crossing roads and outdoor safety.
<p><u>Physical Well-Being</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pupils will have the opportunity to use the trampoline in their lessons this half term. Continue to raise awareness and understanding of how to keep themselves safe in the sports hall and on the trampoline. Opportunities using a range of PE equipment to further focus and build on existing balance and coordination Develop ability to listen to and follow simple instructions. Using a multi-sensory approach to developing balance and coordination on the ground through a range of fun and interactive P.E. games and equipment Focus on different fundamental body movements 	<p><u>Music</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dodd will be continuing their journey in musical interaction, singing and moving to new songs, and playing a range of rhythm games with new and more sophisticated actions We will continue our exploration of different instruments with a range of background music while following instructions - such as bespoke notation and dynamic commands. We will continue to explore composition Developing listening skills to identify and categorise different types of instruments Playing a range of games including Instrument Bingo and Instrument 4 Corners. 	<p><u>Play and Leisure</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accessing my imagination when playing with my peers. Practising sharing toys and playing a shared game with friends Engaging in an activity with an adult, taking turn, following rules and celebrating others success.

Animal Care

- As the weather begins to change, we'll be using all our senses to experience the burst of energy that comes with Spring.
- Observing the trees, local bird life, and the natural world around us as everything begins to come back to life
- Learning about how the needs of our animals change with the seasons.
- Explore what adjustments we need to make in how we care for our animals to keep them healthy and happy as the weather warms and their routines and needs change
- Looking closely at animal families, different life cycles, and where our school animals come from.
- Discover how Spring plays a key role in growth and renewal in the natural world.
- Continue to develop important practical and personal skills, including teamwork, sharing, kindness and empathy, confidence in caring for our animals and continued awareness of responsibility and respect for living things and making a positive difference

Outdoor Learning

- Pupils will be encouraged to explore 'who' lives in our woodlands, matching animals to their dens, nests and sets. They will make art using natural resources, as well as cooking on the fire. Pupils will be offered mud play, climbing and swinging opportunities each week.
- How Spring plays a key role in growth and renewal in the natural world.

Horticulture

- Looking closely at what is happening to the plants around us, how they are changing as the days lengthen and the temperatures rise.
- We will be revisiting our early planted seedlings and seeing how they have progressed despite being sown out of season. Hopefully, the seedlings have progressed well and will now be able to be planted out.
- We will as always be propagating herbs and sowing seeds ready for planting up in the spring.
- Classes will also be helping to plant up the new ink and dye bed that we have created outside the polytunnel to grow plants which will hopefully be utilised during some art lessons later in the school year.

Home Learning Ideas

- Practice word blending, read a word and identify which sounds you can hear
- Get cooking/baking, can you see any familiar measurements
- Make a treasure map and pretend you're on a pirate treasure quest
- Have a pirate themed tea party – invite family and friends
- Visit your local library – How many different books can you find linked to Far Away Places
- Explore artistic flare – Create pirate themed art, collage, 3D junk modelling!

Don't forget to send through all your fun activities, outings and experiences on your pupil's Dojo!