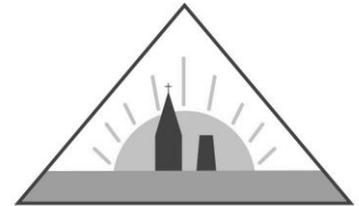


Swallows Class



Gedney Hill C.E Primary School
Opening up new horizons



Treasure Island

Start Date
January 2016

End Date
April 2016

Values, PSHE & RE Topics

Our PSHE this term will focus on Say No to Bullying and Healthy Lifestyles.

In RE, the children will be learning about the Christian Bible. Learning in RE will take place through music, story-telling and creative art.

She will also be organising our attendance at local sporting events this year along with schools.

In Science this term we will be looking at Evolution and Inheritance and Animals including Humans.

Computing: Weekly sessions focusing on ICT will be taught by Mr Turner.

More about our topic...

Argh me hearties! Time to set sail across the salty seas upon a voyage of exploration and discovery. The starting point for our topic this term will be the film *Treasure Island*. As the crew of the *Hispaniola*, we will explore the continents, learning about different cultures, customs and traditions, developing our geographical knowledge and awareness through cross curricular activities. Geographical aspects of the areas visited will be studied closely as we look at the effects of natural hazards and phenomenon. We will also be finding out about famous explorers and pirates, from Captain Cook to the infamous Blackbeard!

In Literacy, we will be continuing to improve our use of grammar and punctuation and develop our spelling knowledge using the Read Write Inc Programme.

This term we will be looking at poetic techniques, writing our own sea shanties and describing our sea faring experiences through poetry. Our adventures on the high seas will be shared through recounts of our experiences within diaries. Finally, we will focus in on film narrative, looking at the adventures of *Treasure Island*.

Reading for pleasure and enjoyment will continue to lie at the heart of our Literacy curriculum. Children will be involved in guided reading, using a wide range of texts, linked to topic. They will take part in group discussions and will be encouraged to share their own views and reading interests. Through discussion and questioning comprehension skills will be developed, enabling children to increase understanding and appreciation of literature. House points will continue to be awarded for evidence of regular home reading in diaries.

Opportunities within all areas of the curriculum will be made available for children to develop their spoken language through discussion, performance and hot-seating.

A Cultural Day will be held at Gedney Hill School for Swallows and Eagles on **Wednesday 10th February**. This will involve varied activities including: cooking, music and story-telling.

Swallows and Eagles will also partake in a *Treasure Island* drama workshop on **Wednesday 16th March**- with a performance to parents at the end of the day.

Numeracy will be taught as an individual subject and will continue to adhere to the curriculum objectives. Teaching will encompass recent changes that have taken place in the curriculum. Numeracy lessons will cover all aspects, including number, geometry, measurement and statistics with a keen focus on developing children's using and applying skills. Pupils will be in ability groups and will be extended at every opportunity to ensure their potential as mathematicians is achieved.

Take home task to support work in school.

Design and make your own pirate ship, using a medium of your choice, eg. Junk Modelling, Lego, Kinex etc.
Please can all of your models be handed in by **Monday 7th March 2016**.