



HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
FAIRLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

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Pirates



**Foundation Stage
Spring Term 2011**

Over the next few weeks, your child will be working on the topic of Pirates!

They will be taking part in a series of exciting activities, including:

- **Creating new role-play areas including a desert island, a pirate ship and under the sea**
- **They will be taking part in a sponsored pirate day**
- **Taking part in a range of Physical activities, including walking the plank!**
- **Making their own pirate hats**
- **Learning a range of pirate songs**
- **Making treasure maps**

**Your child needs your help and involvement!
Please get involved by:**

- ☐ **Taking your child to the library and get a book about Pirates**
- ☐ **Investigate floating and sinking during bath time**
- ☐ **Discuss what you might find on a desert island – treasure, palm trees, treasure maps, treasure chests.**
- ☐ **Look at a map and show your child different islands – highlighting where the sea is.**
- ☐ **Begin to create a pirate costume with your child, ready for our ‘Sponsored Pirate Day’**

What does your child know about the topic Pirates?

Before the Topic...

After the Topic...

Sit down with your child and help them record what they know about the topics, BEFORE and then AFTER they have learnt about it at school.

What else is happening?

SEAL Time

Each term, we focus on a particular aspect of Social & Emotional Aspects of Learning (S.E.A.L).

This term, we will be looking at the theme of 'Good To Be Me!'

R.E

In R.E this half term we will be following the unit 'Being Responsible'

How to support your child's learning

We will send home a sheet each week with ideas of how to support your child's learning. Please join the school's games library where you can take out fun games to help your child develop new skills.

Resources you could donate

In this topic the following resources would be very useful:

- plastic jewellery
- old bandanas
- Eye patches
- Maps
- Pictures of pirates
- Binoculars or telescopes
- Toy sea creatures
- Treasure chests

These items will be used on a daily basis by the children so unfortunately we will not be able to return them to you.

Clubs

Breakfast Club	Every Morning 8-8.50am
Nursery Lunch Club	Every Lunchtime 11.30-12.30
Foundation Stage Multi Skills	Tuesdays 3.15-4.15
Cheerleading Club	Wednesdays 3.15-4.30
Games Library	Fridays 8.50am 9.10am

Forthcoming Events

Reception Parents Teacher Consultations	Monday 7th March 5.30pm – 8pm <i>and</i> Wednesday 9th March 3.30pm to 6pm.
Nursery Parent Teacher Consultation Day	Monday 7th March from 8.30am – 6.00pm
Sponsored Pirate Day	Tuesday 5 th April (all day)