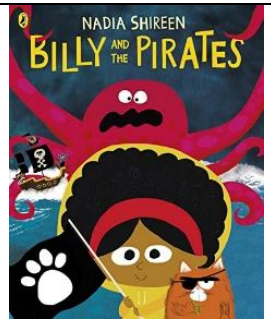
Billy and the Pirates!

Autumn Term 2 2026
Reception



St Barnabas CofE Primary School

Christian Value: Justice

Theme: A citizen of the world

Key Questions

- Where would you go on a pirate ship?
- What would you put on your treasure map?
- What does a pirate look like?
- What did pirates do?
- Can you name a famous pirate?
- What treasure might you find, and who would you give it to?
- Which is your favourite pirate rhyme, song, poem or book?

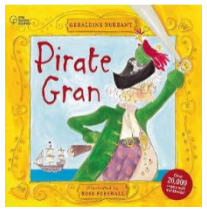
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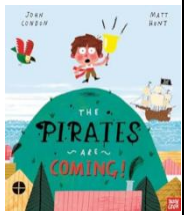
- Presenting their storymats
- Look at each other when speaking
- Speak loud enough to be heard
- Take turns to talk and listen
- Share their ideas with partners, small groups and whole class

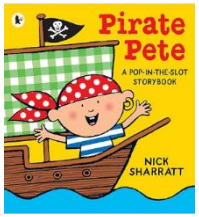
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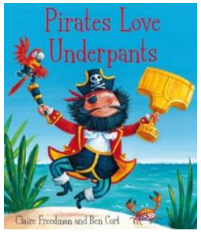
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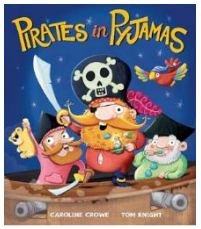












Reading

The children will…

- join in and listening to, lots of stories, non- fiction, rhymes and poems about pirates
- practise saying sounds and blending and segmenting skills
- participate in practical and fun games to encourage listening skills
- develop reading skills daily by using shared, individual or class texts
- talk about the characters, setting and events in stories

Writing

The children will…

- continue to write their names with correct letter formation
- write initial sounds, write beginning and end sounds and segment words
- continue to write the correct formation for each letter taught in daily RWI lessons
- carry out independent and focussed writing tasks
- begin to write simple sentences to express their ideas

Maths

The children will…

- identify circles and triangles
- compare circle and triangles
- name and describe shapes with 4 sides
- look for shapes in the environment
- describe the position of where an object is (under, on, behind, next to, in)
- subitise up to 5
- make 4 and 5 using a five- frame
- 1 more and 1 less than a number
- composition of 4 and 5 (How to make 4 and 5 in different ways)

Physical Development

Children will learn to:

- write recognisable letters and their name, correctly formed.
- practise their fine motor skills using a variety of resources.
- negotiate space successfully when playing chasing games, adjusting speed or changing direction to avoid obstacles.
- be able to learn a simple dance, with four key phrases, and move rhythmically and creatively.

Important dates in Reception

- 13th November- Children in Need-Wear something spotty with your uniform.
- W/b 16th November: - Anti-Bullying Week. Odd Sock Day(Monday).
- 17th November M&M Productions Beauty and the Beast Pantomime.
- 20th November: Festival of Light.
- 8th and 9th December Reception Nativity to families at 2pm. **Strictly 2 tickets per family.**
- 15th December: Christingle 6pm.
- 17th December: Seven Valley Railway Trip.

Understanding the World

Children will learn to:

- explore and talk about different forces they feel.
- use ICT hardware to interact with age-appropriate computer software.
- explore geographical features of pirate maps and create their own.
- know that there are different countries in the world and talk about the differences they have experienced or seen in photos.
- explore famous pirates from the past.
- understand the effect of changing seasons on the natural world around them.

PSHE/Thrive/British Value

P.S.H.E : Building relationships: special relationships: My family, special people, sharing, I am unique, my interests, similarities and differences.

British Values:
Tolerance – Understanding that we don't all share the same beliefs and values.



Thrive:-Learn about sharing and being a good friend.

Let's help every child thrive

Expressive Arts and Design

Children will learn to:

- select tools and techniques needed to shape, assemble and join materials they are using.
- initiate new combinations of movement and gesture to express and respond to feelings, ideas and experiences.

Religious Education

'Why is Christmas special for Christians?'

- What is special about Christmas?
- What do Christians do at Christmas time?
- Retelling significant events for Christmas.
- Jesus beyond his birth.



Reminders:

- **Please read together every night and sign the home /school diary. Go through the RWI book or word cards and practise the sounds and letter formation. We will change the 'Sharing books' daily, if needed.**
- Please name **all** clothing, shoes and water bottles. We have lots of unnamed items in our lost property box.

Forest School: We will send a Parent Mail to remind you when your child will need their wellies and waterproof coats.