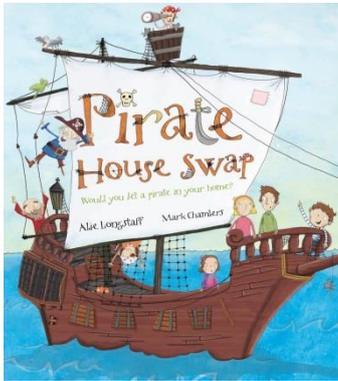




# Peek at the Week



Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July



We had a lovely week in Waveney Class. Our theme for the week was pirates and our focus story was *Pirate House Swap* by Abie Longstaff and Mark Chambers. We really enjoyed the story about a family who went to stay on a pirate ship for their holiday, while the pirates went to live in their house in the city. We found lots of things that the pirates had changed in the illustrations. We used bossy verbs to write jobs to do on a pirate ship and used alliteration and rhyming to make up pirate names, such as Swashbuckling Sophia, Shouty Schwier, Horrid Harriet, Milly Lily, Red Riley. We sorted real and made-up words into treasure or trash and built a pirate ship then walked the plank. We made pirate bandanas and parrots. In Maths we went on a treasure hunt and counted the coins in 2s, 5s and 10s.

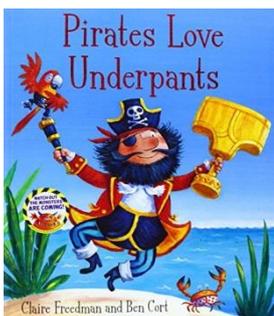


We also talked and wrote about our best day in Reception or Year 1, most choosing the fun day or the big camp out on the school field.

We had a 'junk rescue' day too, using boxes and plastic bottles to make new toys.

We have continued to practise letter formation and learning how to write letters in the precursive style - we have covered all the letters of the alphabet now. Some children have been working hard on writing their names in a precursive style too!

The Nursery children have also been doing lots of pirate activities. Their book for the week was *Pirates Love Underpants* by Claire Freedman and Ben Cort. They made a treasure box, hid it in their garden and drew a treasure map with X marks the spot. They counted how many steps from their door to the treasure. They also used handprints to paint a colourful parrot. The children made a collection of items beginning with p and had a go at writing the letter p in sand with their finger. They sang a pirate song and made up actions. They also pretended to be pirates and used a broom or a dustpan and brush to sweep the decks. They pretended to climb



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a mast and walk a plank - trying hard to balance on their left leg, then their right leg.

**PLEASE NOTE** We have collected in all the reading books for the holiday. If you have any books at home (including library books) could you send them in by Monday please. We are in the process of re-labelling them, so will unfortunately not be able to lend them over the summer holiday.

We are planning on having a little party on Wednesday to say 'goodbye' to Mrs Leport and to celebrate the end of the year. The children can come in dressed in party clothes that are suitable for outdoor play.

★ The Star of the Week is Martha Mortimer, who has been working really hard, always with a bright smile and lots of enthusiasm. Well done, Martha!



Our home learning star of the week is Dexter, who has been playing at being a pirate and climbing, has made a treasure map and done some lovely writing of things beginning with p. Well done, Dexter.



Well done everybody - what a fantastic week!

Have a super weekend! The Early Years Team

## HOME LEARNING!

**Nursery** - Ask an adult to fix a 'washing line' up for you. Can you use pegs to peg number cards in order / the letters of your name in order?

Paint a pirate flag.

**Reception / Year 1** - You have learnt a lot about pirates and how they live. Make up a name for a pirate and write about one day in the life of your pirate. Perhaps you could act out the day with your family. You could make your own 'grog' smoothie recipe using your favourite fruits.

