

Welsh Pirates



Foundation Phase

Brief description:

Go back in time and hear tales about the trade, booty and the battles of Wales' most successful buccaneer - Barti Ddu. Find out fascinating facts about this flamboyant character and his pirate code.

Delve into a treasure chest full of pirate-themed Literacy activities

Feedback from teachers and pupils:

'Absolutely superb character actor – children totally engrossed.' (KS2 teacher)

Learning objectives:

- Learn about one of Wales' historical characters and notorious pirates- Bartholomew Roberts.
- Learn that Barti Ddu was one of the most successful, and unusual, pirates that ever sailed.

History

Pupils should be given opportunities to:

- the daily life of people living in the time of the Tudors



This session can be adapted for special needs groups – please contact to discuss.

Activity

Skills

LNF

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<p>Character Actor Session: During this facilitated session, pupils will meet a character actor, playing the Welsh pirate, Barti Ddu. Pupils will learn about the exciting stories of those Welsh men who sailed the high seas in the golden age of piracy. Pupils will learn about the trade and the trade routes that Barti Ddu operated in. They will learn about some of the unusual features of Barti Ddu's character and code.</p> <p>Treasure Chest: During this teacher led session, pupils will have opportunity to carry out a variety of pirate and sea themed activities.</p>	<p>Historical knowledge and understanding Pupils should be given opportunities to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. identify differences between ways of life at different times 2. identify significant people and describe events within and across periods <p>Interpretations of history Pupils should be given opportunities to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. identify the ways in which the past is represented and interpreted 2. distinguish between 'fact' and 'opinion', giving some evidence/knowledge-based reasons for this. 	<p>LNF Literacy - Reading: Locating, selecting and using information Aspect: reading strategies</p>
<p>Discuss with your class:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is a pirate? • Who were some of the first pirates? • What sort of booty did pirates seize? • Were there any women pirates? • Do you think we have pirates today? 		
<p>Resources that your pupils will use during the visit: Replica objects to include navigational instruments, Monmouth cap, hour glass, map and tobacco tin. Notes on each object are available on the day.</p> <p>Health & Safety Information for schools: http://www.museumwales.ac.uk/en/learning/healthandsafety/</p>	<p>Follow-up activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make smell boxes to contain spices and goods used in trade. Include cinnamon, coffee, cloves, black pepper, nutmeg, sugar, tea and vanilla. Smell them and tell a friend what is inside each of them. • Using the context for gold treasure, explore light and dark. Investigate shiny objects and non-shiny objects. Which ones show up better when you shine a torch on them? • Set up a treasure hunt, hiding objects around the school. Ask the children to take photographs of the objects they find. 	

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Preparations :

- Ask the pupils to think of some questions to ask the character actor.
- Inform the pupils that some of the earliest pirates were people who were called Vikings. In the museum they will find a small model ship like the ones Vikings used any hundreds of years ago to enter the Bristol channel to trade with the people who lived on the coast. The name Swansea come from the Norse phrase *Sveinn's ey* which means Sven's inlet.
- A selection of high-quality digital images, teachers' notes and suggested activities on pirates and treasure are available on the resources pages at rmg.co.uk/schools

Links:

<http://www.rmg.co.uk/explore/sea-and-ships/facts/ships-and-seafarers/pirates>

http://www.royalnavalmuseum.org/info_sheets_piracy.htm

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