

Key Texts:

Stowaway — Julia Jarman
Horrible Histories — Terry Deary and Neil Tonge
Sir Francis Drake His Daring Deeds — Roy Gerrard
Selection of non-fiction books

Stunning Start

Preparation for setting sails
Carousel of activities:

- PE/Drama
- DT
- Geography

Fiction — Personal Diary (3 weeks)

Informal style of writing

Purpose: To pretend to be a member of Francis Drake's crew and write a personal record of parts of the journey.

Outcome: To create a journal with several entries charting changes of emotions and atmosphere

Key Skills:

- choose grammar and vocabulary suited for the purpose
- use semicolons, colons, dashes, brackets and hyphens
- write dialogue to capture mood
- discuss texts I have read and build on others' ideas
- understand the difference between structure typical of informal speech (question tags)
- use of colloquial language
- discuss characters and issues within and across texts

Assessment opportunity

Write On: To write a diary entry from a different point of view

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Spellings:

- years 5/6 spelling
- hyphenated words
- words with suffixes and prefixes

Cross Curricular Links:

Art: sketching, portraits

DT: sewing

RSHE: relationships

History: exploration, fashions and trends over time

Geography: map work, settlements

Science: human body and healthy diet

MFL: towns

Computing: collecting, planning and interpreting data

Music: show thoughtfulness when selecting and combining sounds to create a soundscape

Non-Fiction - Biography (3 weeks)

Formal style of writing

Purpose: To inform the school community via website

Outcome: To write a biography on either Sir Frances Drake, Queen Elizabeth I or King Henry VIII

Key Skills:

- use a wide range of cohesive devices to link paragraphs
- use perfect form of verbs to mark relationships of time and cause
- use a variety of layout devices to structure the text and guide the reader
- summarise main ideas across paragraphs

Assessment opportunity

Write On: To write a formal letter to an explorer, inviting him to London