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Last week the children had a fantastic week focusing on pirates. They received lots of messages in bottles from Captain Black Hat and his friend Captain Orange Beard who left the children a number of challenges to complete to become pirates themselves! They made treasure maps and used positional language, searched for gold coins (counted and ordered numbered coins), made pirate hats (origami style) and wrote messages back to the pirates. They listened and followed instructions and learnt how to play *Captain's Coming* and *Shark!* The children also learnt about floating and sinking when pirates came aboard ships or had to walk the plank as well as putting the correct amount of pirates in the boat. They learnt a couple of pirate songs and perfected their pirate 'Oooh Arrrrr's!'

This week, the children have been learning about the Harvest Festival. The children had a lovely time showing our Grandparent's around our classroom when Grandparent's visited on their special afternoon. Everyone enjoyed making crafts and singing 'The Big Red Combine Harvester' to them. We have looked at different types of fruit and vegetables and using our senses to explore them. We have learnt new vocabulary and language and discussed similarities and differences between them and also looked at decay.

The children have learnt the story of the Little Red Hen story. The children have followed a story map and learnt actions to help retell the story and used props to develop story language to act out the story. The children have made bread this week which I hope they shared with you. It smelt and looked delicious. The children used weighing scales, measured ingredients and learnt new cooking vocabulary.

The children enjoyed being part of our Harvest Festival on Friday and joined in singing the songs. They took the food to the front of the church to donate to those who are less fortunate than themselves.

Thank you for your continued support.

The EYFS Team