



Dear Parents/Carers

Argh me hearties! What a week we've had learning about and role playing pirates. Quartermaster Beckingham dropped by on Monday to tell us what pirates were REALLY like and talked to us about his story book, 'The Diamond Ship.'

Did you know that 'argh' means 'listen up pirates'? The Quartermaster was in charge of most things and it took pirates 15 minutes to load a gun! It was anyone's guess if it would fire in the right direction. You can watch his talk again [here](#).



Art & Music | PIRATE SHIP PAINTINGS & SEA SHANTIES!



We painted sea backgrounds and cut out coloured paper to create a pirate ship, with masts and flags. The children decorated with colouring materials and each pirate ship was totally unique – just like our kids!

Uh oh. Louis the orangutang was up to his old tricks again. So to teach him a lesson, the children created lyrics to their own song, 'What shall we do with the naughty monkey?'

Fun Food | PEPPER PASTA PIRATE SHIPS

What's that I hear you say? Edible pirate ships?! If anyone can do it, it's Fun Food Academy! The children loved turning delicious stuffed peppers into pirate ships using cheese/ham for flags.

The full recipe is also available on our [More Fun Activities Page](#). Thank you for your wonderful photographs, preparing ingredients and helping the children.



Teamwork

The children competed in two teams this week, Blackbeard's Crew and The Crew of the Black Pearl, earning team points for their efforts in completing their activities. You can access the live scoreboard [here](#). Great effort in the pirate fancy dress department this week kids!

Science | FIZZY PIRATE COINS & WATERPROOF A SHIP!



We cleaned coins using vinegar or coke, if you've never tried this – do! It's very satisfying. Using bicarbonate of soda and water we made a paste then printed or place our clean coins inside. These were left in the freezer overnight to be fizzed using vinegar!

We tested a variety of materials to see which one would waterproof our pirate ship. A huge storm came and soaked everyone's pirate ship picture! But which material managed to keep it dry?! It definitely wasn't kitchen towel. You can find out how to conduct these experiments on our [More Fun Activities Page](#).

Hand Shadows | TREASURE HUNT

Drew Colby created a story with the children, we travelled around using his treasure map to discover treasure. But everywhere we looked we saw animals, people and scenery. But alas, no treasure.

[Watch the story again!](#)

Drew is very proud of the children's accomplishments. The children have helped to him to learn too, as they suggested very tricky animals he would never have attempted before!



PIRATE QUIZ WINNER!



Quartermaster Beekingham set us a Pirate Quiz challenge! The prize? A free copy of his book 'The Diamond Ship'! Our lucky winner is:

Shivan Nellore

Congratulations!

You can order a copy of the book [here](#).

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OUR WONDERFUL PARENTS!

Thank you so much for joining our sessions and preparing everything for your children! We really appreciate everything you do to make sure the kids can enjoy the sessions.

Big shout out to Silvia for putting in so much effort into the presentation and professional photographing of her daughter's wonderful Fun Food Dishes! These belong in a magazine!



Craft Corner | CARDBOARD TUBE PIRATES & PARROT BOOKMARKS



Let's recycle those cardboard tubes and make some pirates! The children loved sticking and drawing facial features, beards and stripy uniforms. What fantastic results!

We also made bright and colourful parrot bookmarks, useful for going back to school this September! And a nice keepsake from Online Camp Canary. Craft instructions are available on our [More Fun Activities Page](#).

Thank you

Incredibly, we hosted online sessions every weekday since 30 March 2020! I would like to give special thanks to all our providers, Drew Colby, Fun Food Academy, Professor Fizz, Jane Willmott, Russell from White Crane Martial Arts, Lisa McNeill and all our special Monday workshopers. You made this a fun, creative project for the children and a safe place to be in these uncertain times. A huge heartfelt thanks from me. Here's Drew creating hand shadow animals to our special goodbye song:

[Bye Bye Butterfly](#)

Coming Up...

We are in talks with our school venue, Canary Wharf College, to get onsite Camp running in October Half Term. We are feeling positive that all being well with the current pandemic, we should be able to hire the premises for that week. I'll be in touch with further information later in September.

Thank you so very much for supporting Online Camp Canary! We've had so much fun entertaining your wonderful children. And finally, if you have any questions don't hesitate to let me know.

From everyone at Camp Canary, good luck and enjoy the return to school!

Best Wishes

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