

Year 2 Reading

Read the text and then pick some questions to answer each day

This week, we are reading a poem.

Meet the pirates!

Aboard a rocky pirate ship  
In the middle of the sea  
Are a funny group of pirates  
Who are as useless as can be!



There's Pirate Jim  
Who cannot swim,  
Pirate Dave  
Who's scared of waves,

Pirate Nick  
Who gets sea-sick,  
Pirate Dale  
Who cannot sail,



And Pirate Pete  
With smelly feet.  
The most useless bunch of pirates  
You could ever wish to meet!

The meaning of words

1. What does the word 'useless' mean in the poem?
2. What does 'sea-sick' mean in the poem?
3. What does the word 'sail' mean in the poem?

Retrieval – Find in the text

4. Where is the pirate ship?
5. What can pirate Jim not do?
6. True or False: Pirate Dave lives waves.
7. What is wrong with Pirate Pete's feet?

The main idea

8. Who is verse 2 about?
9. Who is verse 4 about?
10. Who is verse 3 about?

Inference – using clues in the text

11. What might make the pirate ship rocky?
12. Why are the pirates useless?
13. Do you think it is a good idea to be a pirate if you get sea-sick? Explain your answer.

Challenge: Can you learn to read the poem?

You could learn to recite it (saying it without the words) or you could read it from the sheet.

You could add your own actions if you like.

You could ask your family to learn it with you – you could give them parts to read.

If you would like to video yourself performing the poem, you could then email it to me. Good luck!