

Lower 1 sail the ocean blue



This half term, we are learning about explorers. The children learned about Christopher Columbus's voyage and then worked in groups to produce freeze frames demonstrating what life was like for Columbus and his crew as the Santa Maria made its way into the unknown.

Rigging was climbed, ropes were tarred, bilge was pumped, knots were counted and charts consulted. There was also a predictable but welcome interest in maggoty food and toilet arrangements.

By the time land was sighted from the crow's nest, the children had a good level of empathy for the queasy mariners of yesteryear and it will give them a good grounding to continue studying the subject and to provide comparisons and contrasts with our next explorer, Neil Armstrong.

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