

History Knowledge Organiser Year 1

Was Grace O'Malley a Pirate?

History skills

We will be working as historians, and we will be able to:

- Understand that time only moves forwards and we cannot go back in time.
- Understand the concept of past and present.
- Understand that some things were the same in the past and that some things have changed.
- Look at artefacts and talk about them.
- Use the words 'similar' and 'different' and identify an example between their life and the lives of people in the past.

1. What is a pirate?

- A sailor who attacks and robs other ships at sea
- Pirates need: a fast ship, weapons, maps, crew and a flag
- The jolly roger is the pirate flag, raised during an attack.
- The Golden age of pirates was between 1650 - 1680

2. Who was Grace O'Malley?

Meet Grace O'Malley, the Brave Sailor

- Born in Ireland in 1530, called Grainne
- She was the daughter of a Lord, the Chieftain of a clan
- Her family were mariners and traded goods with other merchants
- From the age of 11 she went sailing. (her father said she couldn't go because her long hair would get stuck in the ropes, so she cut her hair off!)

3. What was life like for Grace O'Malley?

- Although she was not allowed to become a chieftain because she was a woman, she became a powerful leader of her clan after her father died.
- She had her own fleet of ships that she used to guard the Irish coast.
- She lived in a castle called Carraighowley Castle which was in county Mayo.

4. What did Grace O'Malley sail in?

- A galley is a ship that is powered by oars and a sail
- They were made out of wood
- They could carry about 200 men and also some animals
- They could go close to shore or out to sea
- She used maps and a compass to navigate

5. What can we learn from Grace O'Malley?

- She was brave and determined
- She learned how to sail, navigate, fight and lead others
- She challenged the idea that women could not be chieftains or rule.



Vocabulary

Galley - a type of ship

Mariner - sailors

Trade - buying and selling goods and services

Chieftain - the chief of a clan or tribe

Navigate - find your way

Cargo - goods carried by large types of transport like ships

Coast/shore - a place where the land meets the sea or ocean

Explorer - a person who travels to places no-one has been before

Fleet - a group of ships

Plunder - to steal from a ship