

## Otters' Homework Autumn 1 Week 6

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Over the next three weeks, we will be writing diary entries experiencing a terrible storm. Check out the BBC lesson at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zmmj7nb> for some tips and hints at writing diaries. Read through the following diary entry and discuss the features with someone at home, including past tense verbs and emotive language.

Dear diary,

I was woken up at dawn as usual, by the crew singing rude sea shanties on deck. I jumped out of my hammock, pulled on my ragged clothes and then, got on with my daily chores.

First, we scrubbed the deck until it gleamed. Next, we polished the cabin windows until they shone. Then, we climbed the rigging to keep a lookout for land or other ships with our telescope. All I could see was seagulls!

After that, I had a stale biscuit and some rotten fish for lunch. It was disgusting but I choked it down.

In the afternoon, the captain lined the crew up to talk us. He shouted at us for not being terrifying enough and told us that we need to find more treasure. When one of the crew talked back to the captain, they were made to walk the plank! I am really scared of the captain, so I kept my head down.

We had a good singsong before bed and now I'm writing this by the light of the moon while the boat rocks me to sleep. I do love being a pirate, but I hope I don't ever have to walk the plank.

I don't like sharks and I can't swim!

**Pete the pirate**