

**Year 2
Newsletter
28th October 2019**

Welcome back to a new and busy half term, I hope you all had a good rest and break.

It was lovely to see all the children smiling and excited to see the changes to the classroom as they came in and to hear all of their stories from the half term holiday. We now have a pirate ship in our classroom where children can immerse themselves in the Topic and apply what we have been learning. The Explore Area has also been updated to what materials can float and sink? What materials are best to have on board our pirate ship? This area allows children to continue learning and deepen their understanding from our lessons.

Any questions please don't hesitate to come and see me.

Maths

This half term, we will be continuing to look at addition and subtraction and using our knowledge to answer reasoning questions. We will be looking at multiplication and division and different ways we can solve these. Also we will work to improve our recall of our 2, 5, 10 and 3 times tables. We are also looking at 2D and 3D shapes, their properties and where we can see these around us. We will be finishing off the half term looking at money.



This half term our theme is 'Land Ahoy'. We will be looking at different key explorers and pirates throughout history and helping Captain Cook on various challenges.

In English this half term we will be looking at the key text Captain McGrew Needs You for his Crew! We will be using this to write our own story. We will also be writing fact files about famous pirates and newspaper reports based on giving people information about pirates.

In our History lessons, we will be looking at sea explorers through time, putting these in chronological order and finding out more information about Captain Cook. We will also be looking at famous pirates such as Blackbeard and Anne Bonney.

In Geography we making our own treasure maps, locating the UK on a world map and naming the seas surrounding the UK. We will also be looking at the continents, the equator, northern and southern hemispheres and the Arctic Circle.

In our Art & Design Technology sessions we will be drawing from different angles and comparing these to see the differences. We will also be designing and making our own pirate flags based on things that mean something to us.

Indoor PE this half term is dance. We will be using sea shanties to develop different pirate movements.

In outdoor PE, will be continuing to look at improving our skills of running, jumping, kicking, throwing and catching and how we can apply these into different games.

Dates for the diary:

Parents Eve – 13th and 14th Nov
Author visit – 19th Nov
Decoration day – 29th Nov
FOP present gift table – 9th Dec
Christmas lunch – 13th Dec
Christmas parties – 16th Dec
Christingle service – 17th Dec



Keep your eyes peeled!

We will be holding a pirate day this half term to end our topic. Keep your eyes peeled for a letter giving more information and the date. Costumes will be encouraged 😊
Thanks in advance.

Some KS1 Classroom routines & reminders:

Reading planners will be checked on a Monday morning to complete reading reward bookmarks.
If a child needs to **change their reading book** they need to let an adult know and they can change it as and when they need.

Home learning will be marked on a **Friday** and set for the week ahead on a Friday. If there is a note that you would like me to read and respond to, please ask your child to put their book in the green tray. I will then aim to respond to the note the same day.

Spellings will be set on a Friday and **spelling tests will take place on a Thursday.**

Mrs Belle-Fortune will teach the class on a Friday morning.

Please ensure children have a **water bottle** in school.

Our **P.E. days are Tuesday and Wednesday.** Wednesday P.E. will usually be outside (weather permitting). Please ensure a kit is in school on these days.