



Year 1 Newsletter

Spring Term 1 2020



Our topic this half term is:

Pirates and explorers!



In this topic we will be learning all about pirates and maps. Children will enjoy learning about the life of pirates, pirate journeys and how to explore. We will be thinking about the oceans which pirates may have sailed on and imagining their journeys. We will also become weather reporters and present to our friends.

Below is an outline of what the children will be learning about:

<u>English</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Key text - The Night Pirates by Peter Harris• Visual Literacy - writing stories using visual clips• Punctuation - capital letters for names, places, days, months• Capital letters at start of sentences• Full stops at the end of sentences• Conjunctions - and, because	<u>Maths</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recap simple addition and subtraction• Adding by bridging through 10 eg $8+3=11$ because $8+2=10$ then add 1 more• Subtraction by counting back• Addition and subtraction within 20• Looking at larger numbers - place value within 50 eg how many tens/ones• Counting in 2s, 5s and 10s	<u>Science</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Science day - plants• Changes in weather and seasons, focussing on Winter• Becoming weather reporters - presenting our weather reports• Weather data collection• Temperature• Weather experiment - water
<u>Art and DT</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Collage, sketching, painting, using pastels• Discussing ocean linked paintings by various artists - John Gillo, Turner and Hokusai• Recreating and evaluating art• Designing a Pirate ship	<u>Geography and History</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Using maps and atlases• Creating maps with a key• Locational language eg near, far, close, North, South, East, West• Oceans and continents• Local walk - Human and physical features• Famous people- eg Blackbeard and Christopher Columbus	<u>Computing</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Saving work• E- Safety• Using a computer coding programme• Giving instructions to a JIT turtle

<u>PHSE</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determination • Perseverance • Having a go • Confidence • Resilience 	<u>PE</u> <p>Develop skills in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hockey • Dance
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How you can help :

- Can you find out about famous pirates? Find out some interesting facts about them! We can share them in class.
- Can you make a treasure map? Hide some treasure in your house! Use the map to find the treasure! Remember to use positional language when looking for the treasure.
- On a world map mark where you have been or where you might see pirates.
- Can you make a pirate hat or pirate costume at home? Or even a pirate ship! Take some photos to show the class.
- Visit the National Maritime Museum in Greenwich to see their Pirate exhibition
- Children love playing games from www.ictgames.com and www.phonicsplay.co.uk
- Log on to Mathletics and phonics play as often as you can
- Keep reading! We love the website www.oxfordowl.co.uk to help keep children engaged in reading.
- Please remember to look at the notices on your child's classroom door.

Other news:

- Science Day is on Friday 10th January. Parents are invited into class from 9-10.30am. If your job/hobby is science related, please let your class teacher know if you would like to talk about it with your child's class. Following feedback from last year, children are welcome to dress up as a Scientist or wear a science themed top/t-shirt. Please send Science Selfies into school on this day.
- Tuesday 14th January - Local area walk with a Geography focus. Parent volunteers please sign up with class teachers.
- Friday 24th January - Phonics parent workshop. Please join us in the small hall and then back in class to enjoy phonics with the children. 9.05 - 10.00 approx.
- Rubies assembly will be Friday 7th February 9.10-9.30am. All children attend so there will be no reading morning that day. Rubies parents are invited to join.
- Pirate celebration day - Friday 7th February. Pirate dress up day. Simple outfits can be worn eg white top/shirt and trousers. Children will have the opportunity to make paper eye patches too.
- Family Groups are on Monday 10th February in the afternoon.
- Parents Consultations are on Wednesday 12th February 4-7pm and Thursday 13th February 2-5.30pm.
- Our last day of term is Thursday 13th February.

Many thanks, Year 1 Team