



# Year 1 Newsletter



## Spring Term 2

Our topic this half term is: Pirates and Explorers

Welcome back! We hope you have had a restful break and managed to enjoy the nice weather, when we had some! Our next topic is called "Pirates and Explorers" and we are really looking forward to it! Please read the following overview that explains the things we will cover:

<p><u>English</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Key text - The Night Pirates</li><li>• Create narrative and information texts</li><li>• Using suffixes and prefixes -er, est and un</li><li>• Punctuation - capital letters, full stops, questions marks and exclamation marks</li><li>• Joining with conjunction - 'and' &amp; 'because'</li><li>• Visual Literacy - writing stories using visual clips</li></ul>	<p><u>Maths</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• One more and one less up to 50</li><li>• Compare numbers up to 50 using 'greater than' and 'less than'</li><li>• Measuring length</li><li>• Measuring height</li><li>• Measuring weight</li><li>• Measuring volume</li><li>• Counting forwards and backwards in 2s, 5s and 10s.</li><li>• Quick mental addition and subtraction within 20</li></ul> <p>(subject to change)</p>	<p><u>Science</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Describe and compare materials</li><li>• Sorting materials based on how they feel and what they are used for</li><li>• Investigations including magnetic/waterproof materials/protecting objects using different materials</li><li>• Seasons - Spring</li></ul>	
<p><u>Topic</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Learning about Pirates and Explorers †</li><li>• Making simple maps to show a route</li><li>• Name geographical features</li><li>• Naming and locating continents and oceans</li><li>• Learning about famous pirates and explorers from History.</li><li>• Retell the Easter story and learn why it is an important Christian festival.</li></ul>	<p><u>Art/DT</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Creating different landscapes and seascapes.</li><li>• Looking at famous artwork/artists.</li><li>• Describing and evaluating art work.</li></ul>	<p><u>Computing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• programming a beebot</li><li>• debugging a programmable toy.</li></ul>	<p><u>PSHE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• making healthy choices</li><li>• hygiene</li><li>• harmful household products /medicines/safety</li><li>• road safety</li></ul>

## Optional Spelling Homework

As a year group we have decided not to allocate spelling or maths homework until we return to school full time.

However, we understand that some parents will want to continue to practise spelling new words with their child. Therefore, we have compiled a list of optional words that can be learnt.

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday
Sunday

### Other news:

- We look forward to welcoming the children back into school on Monday 8th March.
- Following feedback from parents, Maths and Spelling homework will begin when the children return to school.
- Wednesday 31st March is the last day of term and we close at 1.45pm.

Many thanks, The Year 1 Team