



# 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. 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:

<u>English</u> <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>	<u>Maths</u> <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>		<u>Science</u> <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/nonmagnetic materials/protecting objects using different materials</li><li>• Seasons - Spring</li></ul>
<u>Topic</u> <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>	<u>Art/DT</u> <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>	<u>Computing</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• programming a beebot</li><li>• debugging a programmable toy.</li></ul>	<u>PSHE</u> <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>
			<u>PE</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Gymnastics</li><li>• Athletics</li></ul>

### Ways you can help

- Can you find out about any famous pirates or explorers? Bring in any information or books to share with the class.
- Can you visit the library and find out about famous explorers or pirates?
- Can you visit any interesting places for our topic? eg Golden Hind
- Encourage your child to take part in the optional science homework, inspiration station and the Maths Monthly challenge.

## Homework

Thank you to all the children and parents for their hard work in completing maths and spelling homework. We are now asking children if they could learn their spelling words and also practise their writing skills. The children will pick three words and write a sentence for each word. Please upload images of your homework. We do love to see what the children have been working on at home.

## Tapestry

We would also like to say thank you to all the parents who uploaded special events, outings and home projects onto Tapestry. If you find yourself going somewhere interesting or if your child has completed an interesting project at home please share it on Tapestry. The children enjoy watching or seeing what their friends have done and are sometimes inspired to do something themselves.

## Dates for your Diary

- Book Week takes place this week! The children will have a Bedtime Story on Tuesday 22nd February - remember to bring in your pyjamas! Dress Up Day is Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February. Please also encourage your child to take part in the Extreme Reading Challenge and Book Bingo!
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March is Red Nose Day. More details to follow.
- Our annual Easter Egg Competition is on 31st March. More details to follow!
- Rubies Class Assembly will be held on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 9:10am in the Infant Hall. Parents of the children in Rubies class are welcome to attend.
- Friday 1st April is the last day of term and we close at 1.45pm.

Thank you

Year 1 Team