



Year 1 Curriculum Report for Parents – Summer A 2018

Ships Ahoy!

Welcome back to the Summer term. We have just begun a brand new topic entitled ‘Ships Ahoy!’. The children have already started the topic by attending pirate school on the very first day back.



Literacy

The children will start the topic by looking at the story ‘A New Home for a Pirate’. The children will be writing character descriptions of some of the characters in the story as well as doing some writing inspired by the story itself. Later in the term, the children will look at a range of different non-fiction books connected to pirates and have a go at writing their own.

We are also continuing to teach skill-based lessons to further develop the children’s understanding of accurate sentence structure by working with verbs in different tenses and learning how to punctuate sentences accurately with capital letters, full stops, question marks and, later this term, exclamation marks.

We are continuing to provide daily phonic sessions where, appropriate to their current attainment in phonics, children are supported to extend the range of sounds they are able to blend accurately for reading and use in their writing. Increasingly as children move closer to Year Two, we are aiming to secure a real confidence in their ability to both read and write the common exception words, which are not phonetically plausible as well as spelling most words correctly which include the sounds and digraphs they have encountered. Please continue to support your child with both their reading and spelling homework to ensure they receive vital extra practice in these key areas of learning.

Maths

We have begun by revisiting the partitioning of numbers into tens and ones to support the children in developing their number sense. They will also be ordering numbers as well as reading and writing numbers to 100. The children will have more opportunities to develop their experience of telling the time as well as weighing and measuring using an increasing range of standard measures.

Please continue to support your child in learning their number bonds. They completed the first test in the ‘Number Bonds Challenge’ and will continue to be tested on a weekly basis.

Science and Geography

In geography we are learning to name the continents and oceans and use maps to track a pirate’s journey. In science we are focusing on forces, such as pushes and pulls.

RE

We will be exploring the concept of ‘worship’ and why it is important for many people. We will compare and contrast a variety of places of worship. This will include a visit to one of our local churches and a virtual tour of a Mosque via the computer.

Computing, PE, Music and Art/DT

Each of these curriculum areas also leads to new and exciting exploration! In computing, the children will be learning to code and program on the computer. In PE they will be taught to play cricket by a visiting specialist. In art the children will be developing their drawing skills, using inks to create our own treasure maps. In DT we will be designing a pirate snack that would be suitable for a pirate’s picnic.

In music, the children will continue to learn to play the ocarina. At this stage all children are provided with an instrument to play in school. At the end of this half term we will be offering you the chance of attending a mini concert when the children will showcase to you their new learning. Those who have enjoyed the experience will then be able to continue the experience further via an ocarina club!

Home learning challenge:

Can you make a pirate ship or a pirate artefact that we could display in school? It could be made from junk modelling or Lego, whatever you fancy!!