



Autumn 1 Term Curriculum Newsletter: Year 2

Autumn 1 Term Topic:

Pirates! Land Ahoy!

Dear Parents / Carers

We hope that you have had a really lovely break and that your children are feeling refreshed, revitalised and ready for the busy term ahead!

This term your children will be learning about Pirates! Alongside this Curriculum Newsletter, your children will bring home this term's Knowledge Organiser, which contains key knowledge, dates, figures and vocabulary that the children should learn, as part of homework by half term when they will take their 'end of topic quiz'.

Focus on Curriculum

Below outlines some of the exciting things your child will learn about and experience this term, through the different curriculum areas.

Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animals and animal babies • Growing and changing • Healthy eating and exercise
History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christopher Columbus
Geography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The seven continents of the world • The five oceans of the world • Hot and cold climates • Comparing the UK to the Caribbean • Treasure maps and compass points
Art and Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sketching and drawing techniques • Collaging pirate boat scenes
Design and Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaging pirate boat scenes • Designing and making pirate flags • Making and testing pirate boats from natural materials
Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Singing pirate songs • Accompanying pirate songs with percussion • Learning topic related songs such as the 'Seven Continents Song' and the 'Five Oceans Song'
PSHE (SCARF)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Me and my relationships

Physical Education



- Throwing and catching skills
- Tag Rugby

PE days this term are Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Signposts to Learning

We know that you will be keen to support your children with their learning. Below are some suggested books and websites, which can help.

Websites

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/swashbuckle-online>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/primary-school-songs-pirates/zjpgvk7>

<https://www.letsplaykidsmusic.com/4-pirate-songs-for-kids/>

Books

- 100 questions about Pirates by Simon Abbott
- DK Find out about Pirates
- On a Pirate Ship by Sarah Courtauld
- The Pirates of the Scurvy Sand by Jonny Duddle
- The Jolley-Rogers and the Pirate Piper by Jonny Duddle
- The Pirates next door by Jonny Duddle

Visits/ Enrichment Experiences

Friday 24th September - Visit from our local Community Police Officer

Homework

Sent home on **Fridays** and due in / tested on **Wednesdays**

Number bonds

Spellings

Reading diary task

Important Dates for Your Diaries

Wednesday 20th October - Pirate Party, our class treat!

Make sure to check in frequently on the Seesaw app for frequent updates and homework related tasks! We look forward to sharing how our learning will continue again after half term.

As you can see, this term will bring many exciting learning opportunities! If you do have any questions, please feel free to contact us through the family messaging service on the Seesaw app.

Thanks for your continued support.

Miss Mannings (Acer Class), Mrs Seaber and Mrs Fletcher (Pine Class)