

Class Newsletter - Autumn 2

Pirate Day – Friday 26th November

Our topic this term is **Land Ahoy!** We will be locating oceans and seas, investigating boats and researching famous sea explorers. We are going to have a pirate-themed day on Friday 26th November where we are inviting Year 2 to come to school dressed as pirates for a day of map reading and treasure hunting! Please note, our Golden Book assembly for parents is also on this morning – we look forward to showing off some of our fabulous work!

Homework

Homework will continue to be sent home every **Friday** and due in the following **Wednesday**.

We will also be launching **Times Tables Rock Stars**, a fun program designed to encourage children to develop their times tables knowledge. You will receive more information about this program over the next couple of weeks.

Website

Please take a look at our class page on the school website to see what we got up to last half-term.

You will also find our Topic Web for this term under the 'Curriculum Overviews' tab.

Reading

Reading has a huge impact on children's development therefore, we ask for parents to read with their children five times per week in order for them to reap the full benefits. Children will receive a sticker and be entered into our weekly reading raffle for reading 5 times for around 10-15 minutes per week.

Please note, now we are in Year 2, tricky words will no longer count as one of the 5 reads but it would still be beneficial to practise reading and spelling these words. The tricky words can be found on the school website.

If children read less than 3 times a week, we will now give them the opportunity to complete some reading during their golden time on a Friday afternoon.

Forest Schools

Our Forest School sessions will on a **Monday** afternoon. Please provide appropriate clothing for children to change into on these days. Wellington boots or walking shoes are ideal and can be kept in our outdoor area.

You may wish to provide your child with waterproof trousers along with their waterproof coat as we aim to go outside in all weathers. Our sessions will start next Monday (01.11.2021).

PE

This term we will be focussing on **Dance** in PE. These lessons will be on a **Thursday** afternoon. Children will need their **indoor PE kit** for these lessons: black pumps, black or blue shorts/leggings and a blue or white t-shirt. Please ensure all items are clearly labelled.

Children will need to remove their earrings for the lesson - we cannot assist with this.

Phonics

As you may be aware, the phonics screening check for Year 1 children across the country was cancelled last year. Therefore, it is statutory for schools to administer a phonics screening check to Year 2 pupils during this autumn term. The phonics screening checks are designed to confirm whether children have learnt sufficient phonic decoding and blending skills to an appropriate standard. Please look out for a letter containing more information regarding this screening check soon. In the meantime, please see our class page for resources to support your child's phonics at home.