

Staff:

Miss Eastham (Class Teacher)

Miss O'Shaughnessy (Teaching Assistant)

Mr Keast (Sports Leader)

Homework and Spellings:

This term we will be continuing to follow the RWI spelling scheme in school. In units 1-4, the scheme teaches children how to write suffixes, use the 'sh' sound and write using silent letters. We will also be revising year 1 and 2 common exception words and also learning the words from the year 3 national curriculum. **Helping your child to learn their spellings will really make a difference!**

This half term, Maths and writing tasks will be set for homework. The children will also have some comprehensions sent home to support their reading. There will be opportunity for the children to **Homework will still be set on a Friday and should be completed by the following Wednesday. Spelling tests will be given on a Thursday.**

Pirates



Things to look forward to...

- Going on a treasure hunt around the school ground following a map.
- Making our own model pirate ships.
- Creating our own message in a bottle.
- Designing and making collages of mermaids.

Maths:

In Maths this half term, we will be focusing on number and also focusing on the children's gaps in their knowledge and understanding. We will be exploring number patterns and focusing on our addition and subtraction of 1, 2 and 3 digit numbers. Any homework sheets sent home, will be specifically focused on the learning your child still needs to complete before the end of the school year. If you can support your child with homework sheets, this will make a really positive impact on their learning. Also, we will be having an ongoing focus on 'mastery' and looking deeper at topics within the maths curriculum. This includes using Maths in real life, real world situations and solving problems.

Literacy:

Our first class story (Kassim and the Greedy Pirate's treasure) focuses on a young boy's adventure to find a greedy pirate's treasure. We will be exploring the different features within the story and then changing the characters and description to write our own version. In grammar, we will be focussing on the key features that children will need to include in their writing and practicing this consistently to ensure they are confident with using them in their writing.

Science:

In Science we will be learning about different materials. We will look at a variety of different materials and test their suitability for different uses. We will consider which materials would be most successful for a model pirate ship. We will carry out our own investigations to explore the properties of the different materials.

Computing:

In computing, we will be focussing on key skills and developing our speed when logging on. We will also be using scratch to create codes for a pirate ship.

Religious Education:

In R.E., we will be considering what Christians think about God and how they show this. We will be reflecting on how God shows love and forgiveness and when we might show this to others.

This list is a brief summary of what we will be covering in the Autumn Term. It may change or include other areas. Please feel free to ask the class staff any questions you might have about the content of the curriculum or any other part of school life.

History:

In History this half term, we will be studying the journeys of famous pirates and the reasons for their voyages. We will also be considering how they travelled and what made them famous.

Geography:

In Geography we will be studying the 5 oceans and the seven continents of the world. We will also be learning how to use maps and atlases, as well as computer maps, to locate different places and recognise different geographical features in the UK.

ART:

In art this half term we will be focusing on sketching and will be creating our own self portraits. We will also be using different materials to create 3D paintings and works of art.

D.T:

We will be designing and making model pirate ships during DT this term and we will be exploring how to make the structures stronger. We will also be experimenting with how to join materials together.

Music:

In Music this term, we will be writing and performing our own pirate sea shanties. We will be exploring different beats to go accompany our shanties.

Primary Languages:

In Spanish this term we will be learning numbers and days of the week, whilst also practicing using new vocabulary in simple sentences. We will also be learning songs and tongue twisters to help us remember the new vocabulary.

P.E.

P.E. this half term will take place on a Tuesday afternoon (with Mr Keast teaching) and a Friday afternoon (with Miss Eastham teaching). Mr Keast will be teaching ball manipulation and varied games, and Miss Eastham will be teaching dance.

Please ensure your child has their P.E. kit in school on a Tuesday and a Friday.

Thank you.