

# Pendeen and Trevoise

## Curriculum Newsletter

### Spring 2

#### Homework and Spellings:

Homework will be set weekly and spelling checks will be given on Wednesday. Please continue to hear your child read every night and record it in their reading record. We completely understand this can be time consuming but reading a few pages a night really helps their progress and their confidence.

## Land Ahoy!

Year 1 and Year 2



This half term our topic is Land Ahoy!. We will be learning about life as a pirate. Please find enclosed information regarding the learning taking place this half term in Year One and Year Two. If you have any queries about the curriculum or any aspect your child's education, please don't hesitate to speak to me.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Eastham

#### Religious Education:

This half term our unit is 'Gospel'. We will be linking the Gospel and good news and we will reflect on how this links to being thankful. We will be retelling the Bible story of Matthew the tax collector, and we will be thinking, talking and asking questions about whether Jesus' good news matters to anyone other than Christians.

Music: We will be listening to different songs this half term, including sea-shanties. We will explore and play different instruments and work together to use our voices in different sized groups when performing.

#### Computing:

Y1: maze explorers and animated story book. We will develop our confidence using the direction keys to complete challenges on Purple Mash. We will create and debug algorithms. We will also use Purple Mash to create our own animated story linked to our topic.

Y2: questioning and effective sharing. We will explore yes/no questions when creating pictograms and we will use Purple Mash apps to answer questions. We will also be learning about the importance of understanding how to search on the internet and we will explore the language used when searching online. We will create our own leaflet to tell someone how to search safely on the internet.

P.E: this half term we will be focussing on athletic skills and gymnastics.

#### To support your child please ensure:

- Your child has their P.E. kit in school.
- All belongings are clearly named.
- Book bags are brought into school daily.
- Your child has a coat with a hood in school.
- Homework books and reading record books are available in the book bags.
- Please encourage your child to be responsible for their own belongings.

#### Maths:

Year 1: this half term we will be focussing on number; addition and subtraction and numbers within 20 and numbers to 50. We will also begin learning about length and height.

Year 2: this half term we will be focussing on multiplication and division. We will also be learning about statistics and measurement, as well as properties of shapes.

English: The children will continue to do daily phonics and writing in Read Write Inc and Get Writing. We will also be doing cross curriculum writing. We will learn the story of 'Pirate Tom'. We will explore the characters in the story and then we will write our own stories based on this, exploring what it would be like to be a pirate! We will be thinking a lot about the different settings within our stories and using adventurous vocabulary to describe them. Children will complete SPAG sessions (spelling, punctuation and grammar) and we will continue focusing on handwriting.

Science: in Science we will continue our learning about living things and their habitats. We will identify and name plants and animals in their habitats. We will explore how animals get their food from plants and other animals, beginning to develop our understanding of simple food chains.

DT: we will be exploring what makes a boat float and we will use the things we learn to help us design and make our own model of a boat. We will be exploring different materials we could use. We will also investigate the function of levers and pulleys on boats and how we could add this feature to our own model.

Art: We will be learning how to make observational drawings of different boats and we will also explore different pirate flags and the meaning behind them before we create our own.

Geography: we will explore our local area as a specific area of the U.K. and we will be developing our geographical skills including fieldwork skills. We will be using directional language and we will study our school grounds to help us to design and create a map of the school.