



# Year 2 News



## Term 3



Year 2 have climbed aboard the Ghostly Galleon to learn about Pirates this term!



### News

**Thursday 9th February** Year 2 have planned a trip to the Historic Dockyard at Chatham. The children will learn about life as a pirate and about the World's most notorious and fierce pirates. To give the visit a sense of occasion, we plan to dress as pirates for the day. More details to follow.

#### **Parent Reading Workshops February 2nd at 3.30 pm**

All parents are invited to come to our reading workshop. If you are keen to learn about what the children need to be able to do for reading in Year 2, please come along. The workshops will be held in Lavender Class. Please let your Class Teacher know if you wish to attend.

### English

This term we will be revising how to write grammatically correct sentences. We will be writing command sentences with bossy verbs and conjunctions. The pupils will be also be practicing their handwriting regularly to ensure that their work can be easily read and is the best that it can be.

We will be weaving our Pirate topic throughout our English lessons writing letters, instructions to make a pirate biscuit and writing dinosaur themed stories!

As previously stated, Year 2, pupils are asked to take a reading book home from the class reading area. This is so that they can share a book that they enjoy with parents and members of the family.



It is expected that pupils will read every day and record it in their homework diary under the appropriate day. If you have any queries with how to use the homework diaries, please ask your child's class teacher.

### Science

The Science focus this term is 'Everyday uses of materials'. Through investigation, we will be exploring the properties of materials and how they are used in everyday objects. We will be investigating the best materials for making a pirate ship and testing to see if they can withstand the seven seas!

### Computing

This term we are learning how to create PowerPoints so that we are able to share information in an engaging way. We will be refining computing skills by learning how to use animation and transitions between pages.

### Mathematics

This term we are learning how to use reliable methods to multiply and divide. We will be using a number line as the main method and applying our understanding to problem solving. We will also be learning the 2's, 5's and 10 times tables. It would be useful if pupils could also learn these at home.





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### Topic

This term the topic is Pirates We will be learning where Pirates came from and reasons as to why they sailed the seas and learning about the famous pirate Captain Blackbeard. Pupils will learn about what life was like as a Pirate and how they survived aboard a ship for weeks or months at a time. The pupils will be learning pirate shanties, writing their own shanties and performing them to an audience. They have created their own pirate portraits in Art and will be making pirate biscuits.

In RE we will be learning about the importance of journeys in various religions.

In PSHE we will be looking at making achievable goals with our learning and how to ensure that we can be good friends to one another.



If you are keen to help your child prepare for Term 4's learning, our next topic is 'The Great Fire of London.'



### Activities for home

Year 2 will receive Brainbuilders homework once a term (every 6 weeks). This term the topic is 'Pirates' which is due in on the second to last week of term.

Pupils will also receive a list of spellings to learn for a short spelling quiz on a Friday. If you have any questions regarding this homework, please ask your child's class teacher.

### Reminders

#### Before and After School:

Please could we remind all parents/carers to ensure that children **do not** go on the new climbing equipment before and after school. This is due to Health and Safety regulations. Thank you for your help with this.

#### Lip Balm in School:

We realise that with the onset of colder weather, some of the children may get chapped lips and need to apply lip balm. If your child has such an issue, please speak to the class teacher. Any lip balms bought into school will need to be handed in at the school office for safekeeping.

### PE Year 2 have PE every Thursday afternoon

Please can parents ensure that children have their PE kits in school. Please ensure all PE Kit and uniform are clearly labelled. Tracksuits are advisable due to the unpredictable and colder weather. Children need to ensure that long hair is tied back and that any jewellery is removed. Earrings must not be worn on PE days. Staff cannot remove them.