



# Land Ahoy!



## Year 2 Autumn 2 Newsletter

Through this creative topic we will cover these areas of the Year Two curriculum.

### English

- Learn the features of instruction texts.
- Write instructions using many different taught language features.
- Write a character description using a range of adjectives.
- Understand there are different types of sentences; command, statement, exclamation, questions.
- To know the spelling rules for adding suffixes to root words.
- Learn the spellings of tricky words that do not follow phonetic patterns, also known as red words in our school.
- To know how to use an apostrophe correctly.
- Learn the diagraph joins and begin to use these joins in their handwriting.

### Maths

- Using partitioning for subtraction.
- Understanding the relationship between addition and subtraction.
- Learn 5, 2, 3 and 10 times tables.
- To know that division means dividing an amount into equal groups.
- Solve a range of number problems involving subtraction, addition, multiplication and division.



### Geography

- To name and locate the 7 continents of the world.
- To describe the climate and discuss similarities and differences between the 7 continents of the world, North Pole, South Pole and the Equator.
- To use geographical language to describe the physical features of the school and the local area of where they live.
- Draw a map of their local area.

### Computing

- Understand what an algorithm is.
- Use repeat and timer commands.
- To debug to solve a problem with an algorithm.
- To use algorithms to code an object to move using a computer.
- Use the PurpleMash 2code program.

## Reading and Read Write Inc.

Your child will continue to have daily phonic lessons taught in small groups in Read Write Inc.

We will have small guided reading groups where we will be concentrating on your child's reading pace, understanding of what they have read, increasing their vocabulary and developing a love of reading.

Your child will benefit from both being read to and listened to read on a regular basis. This in turn helps them to make great progress in all areas of learning. Read a range of books from school, the library or books you have at home. Remind your child to change their books at the start of the day. When reading you can ask some of the following questions about the book; What is happening?, Where is the setting and who are the characters?, What is going to happen next?, What was your favourite part and why? Or; choose a word and ask if they know what it means?

### Science

- Expand on their knowledge of materials and decide on materials that best suit different jobs.
- Explore materials that are best for floating and that are non-absorbent.

### History

- To find about significant sea explorers from the past; Christopher Columbus, Sir Frances Drake and Captain Blackbeard.
- To learn how sea travel has changed over the years and the importance of sea trade and migration.

### Art and Design and Technology

- We will look at a range of different types of boat designs.
- Design and make a purposeful product out of a range of materials.
- Learn new joining techniques.
- Evaluate their product so they can make improvements such as stability.



### Parent information

- Remind your child to change their home reading book once you have read them at home. Please record in the reading record when you read with a small comment on how they have read.

- Please ensure all clothing, shoes, water bottles and book bags are clearly labelled with children's names.

### PE

Our PE days are a **Monday and Wednesday.**

PE kit is a part of our school uniform. Please ensure your child has black or blue shorts and dark coloured jogging bottoms, white T-Shirt, trainers and a blue school jumper. Hoodies are not safe or appropriate for PE lessons.

-Your child needs a coat and jumper or cardigan in school every day regardless of the weather. We sometimes like to take our learning outside and we will go out to play every day unless it is heavy rain.

Please check your child's kit on a regular basis to ensure it is as above and that it still fits them.  
If you have any old PE kit that you wish to donate to the school so we can use for spare kit, please hand it to a member of the Year Two team.  
Thank you.

## Home Learning

- Learn your 2, 5 and 10 times tables. Learn them in order and then have a quick quiz 'What is  $2 \times 2$ ?, What is  $3 \times 10$ ?, What is  $5 \times 5$ ?
- Continue to visit the Maths websites given out on parents evening.
- Learn the correct spelling of the 200 words that were sent out last half term. If you need a new copy then ask a member of the Year 2 team.
- Please visit PurpleMash and have a go at the pirate activities.

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