

Curriculum Information for Parents

Class: 1 – Reception Term: Spring



Learning

Literacy

English work will include Phase 2 and 3 of letters and sounds, the initial sounds and digraphs along with the corresponding graphemes. These sounds are very important to your children and form a big part of their English curriculum for the year as they are the essential tools for reading and writing.

We will link our writing to our topic and stories. We will be working on increasing our independence and stamina in writing so that we feel confident to write captions and simple sentences on our own where possible. We will also ensure that we can see a purpose for our writing and that we can explain what it says and means to others. We will label pictures of pirates and add captions, write sentences for a wanted poster, design pirate comic strips with captions and retell the stories we have read in our own words. We will also build up our understanding of non-fiction through our writing of instructions and recipes.

We will continue to build on our knowledge of High Frequency words also be trying hard to master recognition of the tricky words (reading and spelling). Presentation of our work will also be important so we will continue to practice letter formation using the cursive style of handwriting.

Texts will include Pirate stories, familiar stories and also non-fiction texts

Mathematics

Maths work for this term will include:

- Counting, reading and writing number patterns
- Working with numbers to 20
- Addition and subtraction.
- Ordinal numbers
- Sorting and describing shapes
- Using mathematical language
- Patterns and Symmetry
- Measures, including time and capacity, distance and weight
- Finding 1 or 2 more than and less than
- Comparing mass
- Using non-standard units of measurement.

We will be working very hard this term with developing our mental maths skills so any help reinforcing number bonds to 10, 1 more than or less than would be very helpful.



Weekly Homework

Reading – Your child will have their book changed regularly. We encourage children to read at least 4 times a week at home with an adult.

Literacy – usually based on our daily Phonics work to help consolidate learning from that week. Handed out on Friday

Maths- This helps consolidate learning from the previous week through investigative work.

PE: Our PE days are Monday and Wednesday. Please ensure your child has their kit in school on these days.

Our themes this term are: Pirates and Changes- Old and new

Understanding the World

We will be looking at different materials and continue to look at seasonal changes. We will learn how to describe, compare and group materials on what they feel like or what they are used for. In RE we are going to discuss and explore what makes a good helper We will also begin to think about Easter. In Technology we will be completing simple programmes on the computer.

Expressive Art & Design

We will be learning about the life of a pirate and designing and making a pirate ship that moves using junk modelling. We will learn about old and new items and changes. We will also sketch old and new items. In Music we will be looking at beat.

Physical Development: We will continue to develop our fine motor skills so that our pencil control and letter formation continues to improve. We will also build up our understanding of healthy lifestyles as part of our health and self-care work. In PE, we will work on gymnastics and

Personal, Social and Emotional Development: This term we are thinking about safety first and positivity. We will learn about staying safe online, at home and in the community.

The above information gives you an idea of the various themes and areas your child will be covering in school this term.