

# Curriculum Update

Values: Resilience and Responsibility

Year 2

Year 2 has had a great start to the term settling into new routines and kick starting our 'Land Ahoy' theme.

'Land Ahoy' is all about pirates and the children have thoroughly enjoyed learning all about them.

## Geography

As geographers, we have been using atlases to help us find out about and learn about the oceans and continents of the world. We have looked at ships compasses and learning how to make our own to help us find North, South, East and West.

We have also been looking more specifically at the country of Madagascar and learning about the physical features of the island and why this island may have been a 'treasure' to pirates and travellers.



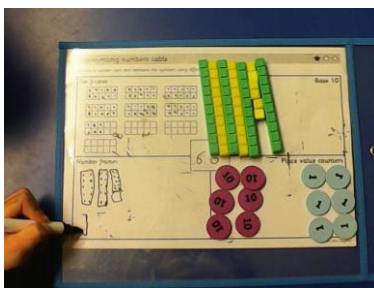
## Curriculum Visit

As historians we visited Bristol docks last week to see and experience sailing on 'The Mathew'.

The Mathew of Bristol is a replica of the 15th-century caravel that John Cabot sailed from Bristol to Newfoundland in 1497. In 1997 she sailed across the Atlantic once more to mark the 500th anniversary of the historic voyage. While we were there we learnt about Blackbeard, the infamous Bristol pirate, and his pirate friends. We also learnt how the sailors navigated across unknown and treacherous seas to undiscovered lands. We also visited the SS Great Britain, A Victorian ship that would voyage to Australia. The visit was spectacular experience that allowed the children to gain a real understanding of what life aboard would have been like. Visiting the two boats gave us an opportunity to compare the ships. Bristol docks was also full of lots of different types of boats and ships so this was also the perfect opportunity for us to explore and make observations and comparisons as well as how some had changed over time.

### Mathematics.

As mathematicians we have been focusing on the place value of numbers to 100. We have been learning about the tens and ones within these numbers and how to represent these using a range of resources such as Numicon, tens frames and base ten. We have used a model called a part-part whole model to help us learn how to partition numbers to 100 in different ways.



### Music

This year we welcome Encore into Year 2. Encore teaches and introduces children to a range of musical instruments to learn how to play as well as teach the musical elements, knowledge and skills linked to the objectives of the National Curriculum. This term, Year 2 have started to learn how to play the penny whistle. They have made a great start and look forward to learning more over the coming weeks.



### REMINDERS

- Swimming on a Monday
- Rugby on a Wednesday
- Forest school on Thursday
- Please make sure names are on all clothes to make mislaid items easier to return to their owners.
- Reading books in every day.
- Only healthy snacks such as fruit or vegetable snack time.
- Drinks bottles in every day.



### Home learning

- Read every day for 10-15 minutes
- As of next week, the children will be set phonics home learning via Phonics shed. You can find their usernames and passwords inside their reading diaries. It is vital that the children have a go at these weekly at home to support the learning we do in school. Phonics shed is linked with Spelling shed and the app for this can be downloaded, if you wish to, for use on mobile phones too.

### Reading books

In year 2 the children will have allocated 'change book' days. The children will come home with a reading book which will support them with their sound work in school and a reading for pleasure book. These books can be enjoyed together with an adult, independently or with siblings. Please bring reading books and reading diaries to school every day.

### 40 reads

We are continuing with 40 reads this year so please continue to record when your child reads with an adult at home. The children's 40 reads can be counted once a day and once on the weekend. Every 10 reads the children receive a merit and every 40 reads the children will receive a book.