<u>Curriculum Update</u>

Values: Diversity and Empathy

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 really enjoyed learning all about them.

Mathematics.

As mathematicians we have been looking at 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 manipulatives such as base ten, Numicon and tens frames. We have also been using a model called a part-part whole model to help us learn how to partition numbers to 100 in many ways.

English.

In English we have designed our own pirate using adjectives to describe what our pirate looks like. We have used drama to act out what we think a 'day in the life' of a pirate would look like as well as writing our own pirate stories.

Art.

As artists we have looked at the artist Alice Fox who collects natural materials from her allotment to make art. We collected our own different items from the Legacy Garden and sketched our



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.

Forest school.

In forest school we used natural resources to make our very own pirate ships. Some children used flowers and leaves to make small intricate pirate ships, whilst others took the opportunity to use larger resources to make larger structures and have used and incorporated these models into their play.







Home Learning:

The children should now have their Spelling Shed log ins stuck inside the front cover of their yellow reading diaries. Please help your children log on to Spelling Shed this week and have a look at the Phonics Shed and Spelling Shed games. There will be assignments set next week.

Each week we will look at the league tables, which identify the children who are completing the homework tasks on Phonics Shed and Spelling Shed. The top three children from each year group are given merits in our whole school assembly on Friday mornings and the winner receives a small trophy to keep for the week in their classroom. To be in with a chance to win, the assignments must be completed, and the children could always look back at previous sounds covered during their time in Year One and play some extra games to gain extra points.

Reminders:

- PE on a Monday Tuesday and Friday morning.
- 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.