

## Curriculum Update

values: Trust and empathy

Welcome to Year 2. We have had a great start to the term settling into new routines and getting started on our 'Land Ahoy' theme which has a focus on pirates. The children have really enjoyed learning all about them.

### **English**

In English we have been looking at the story 'The Night Pirates' by Peter Harris. We have used the story to help us create our own pirate characters and have used adjectives to describe them.

### **Spelling Shed**

The children should now have their spelling shed logins stuck inside the front cover of their yellow reading diaries. Spelling shed assignments are set weekly which will help to consolidate the weeks learning. Assignments run from Monday to Monday.

### **Science**

As scientists this term, we have been learning about everyday materials. We have consolidated our understanding of different types of everyday materials and used this to begin to understand the properties of different materials, using adjectives to describe them. We have also begun to think about why materials are suited for the jobs that they have. For example; a table is made from wood because it is strong and durable.

### **Maths**

In Maths, we are revisiting number knowledge this term. We have been practicing counting forwards and backwards in 10s all the way up to 100. We have enjoyed using number lines, 100s squares and various other manipulatives to help us.

Next week we will be deepening our number knowledge on calculations to 20.

### **TT Rock Stars**

The children should now have their TT Rock Stars logins stuck inside the front cover of their yellow reading diaries. Children can practice their 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

### **Art**

In Art we have been looking at Alice Fox. She is an artist who uses found objects, gathered materials and natural processes to form intricate structures. We utilised the outdoor learning areas and found different materials to create patterns inspired by Alice Fox.

### **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.

## Land Ahoy

Our theme this half term is Land Ahoy which has a focus on pirates.

In Geography we have been using atlases to help us find out about and learn about the continents and oceans of the world. We are going on to explore compasses to help us navigate North, South, East and West. We have also been looking at the country of Madagascar and learning about the physical features of an island and why Madagascar is 'treasure' for pirates.



### Reminders:

- Reading books are brought in daily
- Can I ask that all items of clothing are clearly labelled so they are easily returned to owners.
- Drinks bottles brought in daily.

Monday and Tuesday - PE

Thursday - Forest School

### Dates for the diary.

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November - TT Rock Stars Day

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November - Harvest Festival

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October - parents evening

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October - parents evening

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November - class assembly