



# Year 2 Autumn 2



Welcome back!

We hope that you had an enjoyable and relaxing week's break as you will need all your energy for the fun but busy half term ahead. Although we are continuing with our topic of Land Ahoy, the focus will now be on explorers and pirates! Reading through the sections below, you will see we have some exciting learning ahead of us but we will also be celebrating World Science Day, commemorating Remembrance Day and to end the term, Year 2 will be performing in a Christmas production.

## Reminders

- Listen to your child read daily and sign their diary.
- Bring signed reading books into school daily.
- Label **all** your children's belongings – children to bring a drink of water – no fizzy pop, Prime or milkshakes please.
- Please stand back from the gate when collecting your child and be patient as we familiarise ourselves with each parent. We want to see each person collecting clearly to ensure we dismiss safely.



We encourage children to bring a healthy snack into school for breaktime but fresh fruit is provided daily in KS1.

## Key Dates

**PIRATE WOW DAY:** Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November – come dressed as a pirate me hearties!

**2P PE THURSDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> November as PIRATE DAY = FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> November**

**Cinema Trip:** Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November

**PE DAYS: 2F = THURSDAY 2P = FRIDAY** Please arrive in PE kit (White T-shirt, black jogging bottoms) with earrings, necklaces and rings removed for safety.

**Parents evening:** 2P Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2F Dates TBC

**Christmas Performance:** 9:15 on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December

## Websites

Please ensure you have access to the below websites.

Seesaw – for any home learning tasks set

MyOn / Oxford Owl – for online reading

Times Tables Rock Stars & Hit The Button – for online maths practice

## English

Writing in sentences with accurate punctuation will still be a key focus for the rest of this term. We will be learning and then innovating the story *The Pirates Next Door*.

Following on from narrative writing, we will learn about the features of non-chronological reports so that we can write our own.

We will continue to have a daily phonics lesson.

## History & Geography

We will begin by learning all about Captain Cook and his discoveries aboard HMS Endeavour and use maps to track his journey across the Pacific Ocean. We will then move onto learning all about pirates – finding out about real life pirates from history and use of a treasure maps as part of our Pirate Day on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November. We will also find out more about other famous sea explorers from history and discover why they were so significant.

## PSHE & RE

### PHSE – JIGSAW PIECE 2 CELEBRATING DIVERSITY

This term we will be celebrating diversity and exploring what makes us unique.

**RE** – The unit is called **Christmas- Jesus a gift from God** and we are answering the question: Why do Christians believe God gave Jesus to the world?

## Science

This half term's topic is **ANIMALS INCLUDING HUMANS**. In this topic, we look at animals having offspring that usually look the same, the basic needs of animals for survival and the importance of exercise, a healthy diet and hygiene for humans.

## Maths

### Subtraction, shape

We will build upon our understanding of 2-digit numbers and apply it to subtraction. We will explore a variety of methods to subtract from 2-digit numbers. We will be encouraged to not just count backwards but use our place value knowledge to take away tens and ones from 2-digit numbers. We will also be encouraged to use number bonds to ten to help us subtract across a ten, looking at how many ones to the tens number and then how many more to subtract. We will then move onto shape and will spend time exploring both 2D and 3D shapes. We will recognise, name and explore their properties and apply this knowledge to compare and sort them.

### Key maths vocabulary

Subtraction, take away, minus, fewer, less, difference, partition, tens, ones, 2D shapes, square, rectangle, triangle, pentagon, hexagon, heptagon, octagon, polygons, sides, straight, curved, corner /vertex, 3D shapes, sphere, cylinder, cube, cuboid, pyramid, prism, edges, vertex, faces

## Physical Education

Gymnastics is our focus this half term. The children will be learning to use shapes to create balances, develop travelling actions and learning to take off, land and roll safely. To complete the topic, they will create sequences using their new skills.

## Music

### Music - Charanga Model Music Curriculum

*Dynamics and Tempo*

How does music teach us about the past?

## Computing

Our topic is **Computing Systems and networks**. We have 5 lessons to explore what a computer is whilst learning how inputs and outputs work.

## Design and Technology

We have a food topic this half term and we will be looking at a balanced diet, which also links with our science topic. First, we look at hidden sugars in drinks, then we complete some taste testing. Following that, we design, make and evaluate a healthy wrap. Yummy!