

Class 1 news for Summer Term 1

Welcome back!

We hope you had a fun and relaxing Easter break.

We are very excited about our Pirate topic this half term and the children have already shown lots of enthusiasm to find out more about this interesting subject. Remember if you have any questions or concerns please come and speak to us and we will endeavour to help you and your child.



Understanding the World

We will be finding out about famous pirates from the past and how pirates used to live. We will be looking at simple maps, making our own treasure maps and identifying different oceans. The children will be participating in investigations linked to the topic, such as exploring what material a range of objects in the treasure chest are made from.

Expressive Art and Design

The children will be designing and making different pirate accessories such as flags and eye patches. They will be using paint and collage materials to create pirate pictures.

The children will be using the large blocks and the den materials to construct pirate ships.

They will be participating in pirate role play and making up stories and using the small world toys.

They will be learning songs such as 'A sailor went to sea' and 'Over the deep blue sea'.



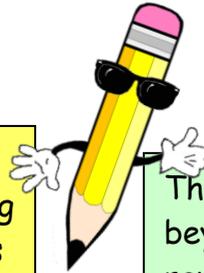
Plants

The children will also be participating in activities linked to our whole school topic about plants. They will be identifying different plants in the school grounds and local area and discovering what plants need by helping to grow seeds and plants in the outdoor area and school garden.



Literacy

The majority of our literacy work will be linked to our topic about pirates. The children will be listening to lots of pirate stories and using them as a stimulus for their own writing, including describing their own pirate character. The children will be writing for different purposes including Wanted posters, messages in a bottle, treasure maps and menus. The children will continue to learn new spelling patterns and practise their phonic skills through daily Read Write Inc sessions.



Maths

The children will be exploring the numbers to 20 and beyond. They will be identifying the numbers to 20 using a range of resources including ten frames and numicon to help them to understand that larger numbers are composed of full tens and part of the next 10. They will explore counting larger groups of objects accurately in different contexts. They will be practising addition and subtraction in different practical contexts. The children will also be problem solving with shapes through matching and copying pictures and models.

We will have PE on Mondays and Thursdays. The children will be participating in both indoor and outdoor lessons. Indoor lessons will focus on gymnastics and outdoors simple athletic activities. We will be asking the children to change for P.E. from Monday 26th April to allow them to practise their skills of independently undressing and dressing.



Our PSED theme is 'Relationships'. The children will be talking about their family and friends. They will be thinking about how to solve problems and stay friends and the impact of unkind words. They will also be thinking about what makes a good friend.

