

## ALRESFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back and we hope you have had a good half term. This half term we are continuing our topic on "Adventure Island". Please take a look at the topic map below to see the areas and topics we will be learning about.

### P.E

For this half term, the children will be doing dance in P.E. on a Wednesday and hockey on a Thursday. They will need an indoor and outdoor kit with shorts, t-shirt, tracksuit bottoms, jacket and trainers. The updated health and safety requirement means that earrings now have to be taken out completely during P.E and cannot be taped up. Please ensure all kit is named including shoes and PE bags so stray items can easily be reunited with their owners.

### Homework

Children will receive a piece of homework each week; this will link with areas we are working on in school to help reinforce their learning and knowledge. Homework will be due in on a Friday. Children also have Reading Journals. These are a way to get children more involved with their reading. Like their reading diaries, these can be used both at home and school. The books enable children to keep a log of the books they read across the year. They can draw the characters or the settings, write book reviews, design posters to advertise the book or write recommendations to their friends. Children can be as creative as they wish in their Reading Journals. Reading diaries are still used as a log for parents, teachers and children to keep a log of reading their class reading book. Reading diaries will be gathered in on a Friday and those that have read four times or more at home during the week will have their reading efforts celebrated in class.

### Spellings

A list of the statutory spelling word lists will be sent home with your child. At school we will be giving the children strategies to learn these spellings, and time to practise but they will need to practise at home if they are to master this extensive list. We will focus on a few words at a time, with the aim of covering them all by the end of the year. To meet age expectancy at the end of the year, children need to be able to read and spell these words in their work. Therefore, to further help your child with their learning, it is advisable that they also practise writing their spellings in the context of a sentence. During school we will also learn and practise different spelling patterns and rules.

### Times tables tests

Children will be practising times tables several times a week in school, completing Fast Maths and Division Drill tasks. The children will soon be able to explain these to the parents! The children are encouraged to bring home their tests to remind themselves and to show parents which times tables they are struggling to recall in order that they can practise at home. We are beginning by focusing on times tables to 10x10, with the aim to include up to 12x12 before the end of the first term.

We are looking forward to the new term with the children.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Mills and Mrs Andrews

Year 4/5 Learning in Autumn 2  
Autumn Term Topic: Adventure Island

