

Newsletter Spring 2 2018 - Year 1

Topic: Land Ahoy!

During this topic we will be learning all about life at sea. The children will have the opportunity to visit Hartlepool Historic Quay where they will experience what it was like to be a part of an 18th century seaport.

History: This half term we will be researching a local famous figure. We will be learning all about the life of Captain James Cook and creating a timeline of the important events in his life.

Geography: We will be investigating the similarities and differences between Middlesbrough and Australia. We will also be creating a treasure hunt in the hall and devising our own pirate maps based on this activity.

ICT: We will be learning how to create, store and retrieve data using a computer program.

Reading

All children will need to apply phonic knowledge and skills as a route to decode words as well as responding speedily with the correct sound to graphemes for all 40+ phonemes, including alternative sounds.

Writing

Our text type this half term will be 'Tom and the night pirates'. We will be using our imaginations to create an exciting alternative ending to the story. We will also be exploring rhythm and how to describe sounds to create our own verse of 'The sound collector' poem basing it on the sounds we would hear on a pirate ship.

Spelling

Children will be learning how to spell common exception words, words containing the 40 phonemes and days of the week.

Maths

As mathematicians we will be concentrating on the steps involved to solve missing number, addition and subtraction word problems. We will also become practical in a number of different measure and capacity activities. We will be building on our position, direction and movement knowledge using treasure maps and we will be learning the new skill of how to tell the time.

Homework

We will give children homework every Thursday and they need to return it by Tuesday. There is also a choice of Project Homework. Your child can choose which 3 they would like to complete this half term and bring into school at any time. If your child has a sibling in school and they contribute to their homework this is counted as 1 piece. We will continue to send out phonics packs in preparation for the phonics screening tests. They will go out every Thursday with children's homework and they need to be returned by Tuesday.

Reading at home

Enjoy reading with your child at least 4 times per week. This can be their school reading book or book of choice at home. Please record each time they read at home in their Reading Record. Many of the children have achieved their reads rewards, keep up the good work Y1!

PE

PE is on a Wednesday. Your child's PE kit needs to stay in school for the whole of the half term. The focus of this half term will be dance where the children will be learning to move their bodies in lots of different ways. Y1 will continue to have their specialist PE lessons on a Thursday so please ensure their PE kit remains in school.

Dates for your diary

World book day Thursday 1st March– Fancy dress £1 contribution
 The Book Fair- Monday 5th March- Thursday 8th March
 School Trip – Thursday 15th March
 School Disco- Friday 23rd March 4.00pm- 5.00pm
 Egg competition (hand in) – Monday 26th March
 We are inviting you to view the egg's afterschool –Tuesday 27th March
 Easter enterprise fair- Wednesday 28th March
 Break up – Thursday 29th March
 Back to school – Tuesday 17th April

PD dates

Monday 16th April
 Monday 4th June
 Friday 20th July
 Monday 23rd July