

KS1 Newsletter

Autumn Term 2 – 2017



We hope you have enjoyed your half term break!

Welcome to our half termly KS1 newsletter where we keep you up to date with key dates and other important information.



Year 1

In Year 1, we hope that your child enjoyed finding out about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder plot. We received many wonderful creations, including pictures, models and booklets. **Thank you** to all parents and carers who encouraged and supported their children with this task. Your interest and support in their learning is invaluable and encourages them to take an interest in their own learning. We will be having great fun learning more about this period of history through a range of history, art, and literacy activities.



Year 2

In Year 2, we started the new term with a bang, as we turned our classrooms into ships and your children into pirates! We hope that this will help them all to look forward to their everyday learning.

Below is some information which we hope will be useful to you in supporting your child through this term and helping them to achieve.

Forthcoming In school workshop and Educational Visits

Year 1

On Monday the 13th November, we will have a Gunpowder plot day at our school!

The session consists of a lively and noisy interactive storytelling of the Gunpowder Plot, with the children playing the roles of various historic characters and acting out exciting key moments, such as the searching of the cellars under Parliament and discovering Guy Fawkes' plans.

Year 2

Year 2 will be visiting the '**National Maritime Museum**' where the children will have an opportunity to be a pirate for a day!

2B/2H will be visiting on the 24th Nov

2U/2N will be visiting on the 1st Dec

Any letters regarding a visit need to be signed and returned to the class teacher as soon as possible. Please ensure that for all educational visits, your child is wearing their school uniform, sensible shoes and a coat.

Year 1 Curriculum for Term 2:



Foundation Subjects: Your child will be learning about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder plot. We will be having great fun learning more about this period of history through a range of history, art, and literacy activities.

Literacy: Your child will continue to learn to read accurately by blending sounds in unfamiliar words containing set 1, 2, 3 sounds. Please refer to your child's diary.

Maths: The topics your child will cover this term are: Counting to and across 100, forwards and backwards, beginning with 0 or 1, or from any given number and solve one-step problems that involve addition and subtraction, using concrete objects and pictorial representations, and missing number problems such as $7 = ? - 9$, $2 + 3 = ?$, $8 + ? = 14$ and $28 - ? = 11$.



In December we will be learning about Christmas and why and how it is celebrated. We will be creating moving picture greeting cards in design and technology and our year 1 performance will be at the end of this term. Letters will be sent out closer to the date.

Year 2 Curriculum for Term 2:

Literacy: Our unit of work for this term is Poetry. We will be looking at poetry features, finding rhymes, interesting phrases, expressing opinions and preferences about poems.

At the end of this term, children will make their own kenning poem (ask your child what that is) and perform it in front of their peers. In grammar, we are looking at suffixes and how they change the word's meaning. Please encourage your child to read books (maybe you can find some with poems too) and complete weekly homework.

Maths: 

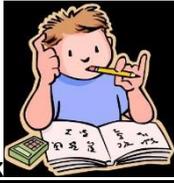
We are learning the place value of 2 and 3-digit numbers and how to use this knowledge to add and subtract them. We will also be learning 2, 10, 5 and 3 multiplication tables and look at the metric system to measure length and distances. Please help your child learn their multiplication tables, and practise quick addition and subtraction questions

Foundation Subjects

As you already know, the title of our topic is **Pirates** which is based on Geography and Science. Your child will be learning about the names of the continents and seas and looking at different environments around the world. We will be also looking at materials and selecting the best to



make our own ships.



Homework

Pupils in KS1 will be given weekly homework for Literacy and Numeracy on Wednesdays. Please support your child and ensure homework is completed and returned on the correct day (Monday). Please note we will have to request a payment or a replacement book if your child does not return/damages their books.



Reading

Please ensure you continue to read with your child every day and write in their diary.



PE Kits

Your child's PE kit needs to be in school until the end of term. If a kit needs washing, then it needs to be taken home and then returned to school the following day.



Diaries

Your child has a school diary which contains lots of useful information for you and your child as well as a reading record. The children need to bring in their signed diary every day as well as their reading books and book bags.

Reminders

As the weather is getting colder, we would like to remind you to please provide your child with a coat, preferably with a hood. Boots however are not part of the school uniform and should not be worn in school. If you would like your child to wear boots for their journey, please provide suitable footwear to wear in the building.

Useful Websites

www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks1bitesize/literacy
www.bbc.co.uk/schools/starship/english/index.shtml
www.bbc.co.uk/schools/starship/maths/index.shtml
www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks1bitesize/numeracy
<http://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/parents/>

If you would like any further advice or ideas, please speak to your child's teacher.

Many thanks
The Key Stage 1 Team