

Year 2 Newsletter

November 2016

Ahoy Dear Parents!

We hope that all of our children have settled well into Year 2 and are looking forward to our next exciting term. We started it 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. On the back are some ideas of activities and websites which will help your child with their learning.

From your Four Captains (Captain Kuzan, Captain Ali, Captain Mitchell and Captain Sam)

What We're Learning This Term

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.

Topic:

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.

Dates for your Diaries:

This year we will be holding an exciting World of Work Week, starting 5th December.

A separate letter will provide more information about this event.

Educational visits:

Visit to East Ham Library:

2A, 2K - 14th November

2M, 2S - 25th November

London Maritime Museum:

2S, 2K - 9th December

2A, 2M - 16th December

Homework

Homework is sent out weekly and almost all of the children are completing and returning it on time. Thank you for your cooperation! Please remember that it has to be completed in pencil as this provides optimal support for the children whilst developing their handwriting.

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.

P.E

Please make sure your child has the correct P.E. kit and that it is kept in school for the term.



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.

Year 2 Team

Help Your Child with Maths

All children now have a valid password to the Mathletics website. This computer program provides excellent games to revise and extend their learning. Please encourage your child to use this program at home.

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/numera
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Star Writing of the Term:

LO: Diary
Dear Diary,
Today was a busy day.
First I went to my bright garden to collect my herbs for the poor, hopeless soldiers. Next I went back to British Hotel and I mixed the herbs to make my own medicine. Then I was riding my horse to the battle field so I could take care of the other wounded. I most times I played board games with the soldiers to make them feel entertained. After that I would sing to them and they would do the same. However the soldiers were getting better by then I was so pleased and determined because I would never give up for my soldiers. I would never let it go. When I made them better they called me Mother Godde. Finally at the 5 day I felt over the moon.

Congratulations to Adepeluola 2K