

★ Year 2 ★ Newsletter

Summer One 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Summer Term! I hope you have had a lovely Easter holiday and are ready for our busy final term! Here are some of the things we will be up to this half term...

Literacy

Our books this half term are *Pirates Love Underpants* and *Dolphin Boy*, which we will use to help us write our own narratives and diary entries, and start to look at news report writing, both online and in print. In Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation sessions, we will be recapping adverbs, apostrophes for possession or contractions and using commas in lists...

Maths

The children will continue to practise their 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables alongside strategies for addition and subtraction this half term. They will also be interpreting data from different types of graphs, talking about position and direction using $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ turns and using different types of angles. They will also recap different ways to solve word problems!

Science

This half term, we will be examining everyday materials, working scientifically to find out what objects are made of and why. We will also be thinking about which materials would be the most appropriate to use for specific purposes. For example, which materials would be best to keep a boat afloat, or what we should use to build our own lighthouses.

PE

As usual, PE will take place on Tuesday afternoons with Mr Fenton and Friday mornings with me. Please continue to make sure that PE kits are in school for these lessons. Hopefully, there will be more opportunity for outdoor activities as we approach summer for athletics and dance sessions.

Land Ahoy!

Our final two topics this year have some incredibly exciting activities for the children. In Geography, we will be finding out more about the location of Britain in the world, using maps, atlases and satellites to locate nearby countries, oceans and seas. We will also be following and creating our own maps and keys for treasure hunts! In History, we will be examining the lives of navigators, like Captain James Cook.

Open session: Friday 17th May, 3:00-3:30pm

Art, Design Technology and Music

In Art and Design, the children will continue to practise their sketching and observation skills, drawing famous pirate ships in detail. In Design Technology, they will be using different materials to create pirate masks and use lights to make working lighthouses. In music, they will use their voices in different ways to sing and chant famous sea shanties.

RE

The children will have the opportunity to know what happened after Jesus rose from the dead at Easter, learning stories about Jesus and the Holy Spirit appearing to the disciples and how they reacted.

Computing

In computing the children will continue to learn how to use different tools in Microsoft Office and Purple Mash as part of our Digital Creativity. They will also be learning new skills in Computer Science as they begin coding and programming.

SATs will begin very quickly after we return from the Easter holidays. Please remember that children could sit their SATs at any point over the month of May and teacher assessment will continue into June – children may sit their papers as part of a small group or 1:1 where necessary and please be assured that we will administer them in the best way for your child. Writing books and Topic sheets will be collected weekly for homework, along with spellings where appropriate and PE kits will still be required on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to catch us at the door in a morning or evening, or contact the school office to arrange a meeting. Thank you!

Miss Turner and Mrs Disley