



Year 2 Newsletter

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Welcome back to year 2!

Firstly we would like to thank everyone that was able to attend our express event we received some great feedback such *"as the children have learned so much!"* and *"fantastic models!"* The children loved being able to show you all the different things that they had learned during their first term in year 2.

The children have returned to school very enthusiastic and have made some absolutely wonderful treasure chests! In both the year 2 classes the children have been so excited to start our new topic 'Land Ahoy!'. The year 2 teachers would like to thank both the children and the parents for the effort that has gone into the home learning tasks and the pirate and princess costumes we have some fantastic photographs.

Creative curriculum

Throughout the topic 'Land Ahoy!' the children will be engaging in activities such as investigating boats focusing on pulleys, leavers and different materials that boats are made from. We will conduct and experiment into which materials will float and which will sink. Then we will build on our geographical knowledge by identifying different seas in the UK using ICT. The children will learn how to create an observational drawing using a range of pencils and techniques. After that *arrghh* focus will be on famous pirates throughout history. We will: decorate flags, design lighthouses and sing a range of sea shanties. Finally the children will create a PowerPoint presentation including everything that they have learned which we hope to show you during our second express event.

Core lessons

In maths this term the children will be developing their numbers skills using their knowledge measure, addition and subtraction and then moving on to multiplication and division.

In English lessons we will be writing: non-chronological reports, pirate adventure stories and letters to Santa!

Reminders

Our PE days are Monday and Thursday for 2AS and Tuesday and Wednesday for 2CD. Could you please **ensure** that you remind your child to bring their PE kit every week on each of these days. Children should wear black shorts and a white t-shirt when doing indoor lessons and tracksuit bottoms and a top with no hood for outdoor lessons.

We hope you are as excited as us for the half term leading up to Christmas! We are sure it will be a very exciting and busy one!

Miss Duquemin and Miss Stewart