

Dear Parents,

17<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Land Ahoy! Year 2 have enjoyed learning about the SS Great Britain and will soon be speaking like pirates! "Oooh Arrh me hearties!" We are looking forward to writing lots of Pirate Ditties inspired by reading Colin McNaughton's books 'Jolly Roger' and 'Pirate School.' We will also be learning about famous pirates such as 'Blackbeard,' 'William Kidd,' 'Anne Bonney' and 'Black Bart.' In History and Geography we will be learning about the famous explorer Captain James Cook and we will be retracing his steps using maps and the Internet. We will also be finding out about Grace Darling and her daring rescue to help survivors of the *Forfarshire* with her father. In science, we have started to explore the absorbency of materials and will be investigating which materials make the best boats! In art we will be looking at a range of paintings, including '*In the Norvegiene Boat at Giverny*' or '*Red Boats, Argenteuil*' by Claude Monet. We will be making a class timeline to show and sequence chronologically famous sea explorers including Marco Polo, Christopher Columbus, Sir Frances Drake, Sir Walter Raleigh, Henry Hudson, Captain Cook and modern day sea explorers such as Ellen MacArthur.

Class 3 General Information:

- PE will be on a **Tuesday** (indoor) and **Thursday** (outdoor). Please ensure your child has the correct kit – labelled with their name. No jewellery is to be worn. Long hair must be tied back. Please check regularly that their PE kit is clean and still fits comfortably. A track suit will be needed for the colder months.
- All children need to have a named bottle containing water only in the classroom. A separate juice drink can go in their lunch box if preferred.
- Could all children bring in a named apron/old shirt for craft activities as we are still borrowing from other classes.
- Individual reading books and key words are sent home to practise. Guided reading sessions are every week with your child's class teacher / TA.
- Parent helpers must be DBS checked before working with the children. Forms can be collected from the school office. **We are always excited to have new Class 3 parents and would love you to come in and offer your support with readers.**
- Homework, including spellings will be set on a Friday. On completion, please pop it in the Homework Box no later than Tuesday. Any homework in after this day will not be marked.
- Maths games are available to take home. Please see Mrs Byrne, Mrs Pilcher or Mrs Woodhouse (Class 3 TA's) for more details.

This topic has a Geography focus. Drawing a boat from first-hand observation is what we hope to do this term! A school trip is currently being planned and details will follow shortly.

Kind Regards

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